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## efugees tell of mass killings in Uganda

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a member of the Acholi tribe and Dr Milton Obote, the exiled former President, whom Presi dent Amin accuses of master-minding an alleged plot against him is a member of the Langi

tribe. Charles Harrison writes from Kampala: President Amin said today he was not involved in the deaths of the Archbishop and two Cabinet ministers. Re-ports that he had shot the Arch-bishop were "nonsense completely

In interviews today, President Amin revealed two new incidents in his Army. He said dis sident troops in the Tiger Bat-talion at Mubende, 100 miles west of here, overpowered loyal officers and men and briefly seized control. Order was restored after about six soldiers were killed.

In Kampala, firing was heard last night from the military police headquarters at Makindye. President Amin said soldiers of the Langi and Acholi tribes "decided to shoot other tribes". They killed one military policeman and wounded another before they were overpowered.
The President said 16 people

were under arrest for smuggling arms. The prisoners had said that American, British and Israeli assistance was ready, with aircraft from an aircraft carrier, to drop paratroops on Uganday towns. The Ameri-can aircraft carrier Enterprise arrived in the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Monday for what was described as a routine

determination to attend the Commonwealth conference in London in June. He would take a delegation of 250 Ugandans, including tribal dance groups.
"I personally want to attend

the next meeting so that I can frankly put my views on the weakness of the British Government to all heads of the Commonwealth Governments. "I trust that the Queen will receive me with the highest honour and respect."

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### **BP** holding main share in big new oilfield

Detailed evaluation of an oil find by British Petroleum/Conoco/Statoil in the Norweg-Conoco/Statoil in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea last
summer has led to speculation
within the companies that BP
may have a majority share in
a new oilfield at least as big
as its Forties discovery.

Much excitement has been
generated within the discovery
group by the find, which is in
relatively shallow water, 225ft,
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with apparently good reservoir characteristics. Those factors could make development of the field easier and less costly than some other new finds in United Kingdom and Norwegian acre-

age that are in deep water.

The new oilfield is in block
7/12 about twenty miles from
the median line that divides the North Sea and is due east of Aberdeen. BP, which hus taken over as operator for the group, is planning a series of appraisal wells this summer to confirm preliminary geological indications.

Comparisons with RPs Forties field raise the possibility of the new discovery producing more than 400,000 barrels of oil a day. Although it is only 35 miles north-west of the Ekofisk group of oilfields it is unlikely that the pipeline from the

that the pipeline from that area to Teesside could accom-modate a flow of that size. BP "farmed" into the block last year, taking a share pre-viously held by Gulf. The deal gave BP a 57.5 per cent holding against Conoco's 25 per cent, Statoil's 12.5 per cent and the Norwegian Pelican consortium's

per cent.
Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, announced yester-day that the second well drilled on a separate structure north of the Startford field in far northern waters has been tested at a flow rate of 12,558 barrels a day through a a inch choke.

Those figures also indicate another large oil deposit, but Statoil said in a statement that further evaluation would be required before it could be established whether the find was commercially exploitable. Statoil has a half stake in the field and the other shareholders are Mobil, Conoco, Esso, Shell, Saga, Amoco, Amerada Hess and Texas Eastern. Statoil is also a half shareholder in another find aunounced yester-day, this time in block 1/9 south of the Ekofisk field. Testing produced oil and gas, but the company did not disclose flow

The Ross Rig. which made the discovery is moving to drill on block 15/9 before returning to block 1/9 for new appraisal drilling that Statoll save will be required to establish the com-mercial possibilities of the

#### Bread strike is called off

A threatened national bread strike over equal pay for six thousand woman workers was called off last night.

After four hours of talks at the Advisory; Conciliation and Arbitration Service (the Bakers)

Union and the Federation of Bakers said they had reached agreement. It is understood the employers agreed to the equal pay demand without their pre-vious requirement that men



Mr Michael Harris, Under Sheriff of the County of London, with LSE students yesterday.

## Barricade stops sheriff

By Robert Parker

There was a vain attempt yesterday to serve a High Court possession order on about five hundred students who have been occupying the administration block at the London School of Economics for the past two weeks in protest about tuition fee increases. An order granted to the LSE

on Tuesday instructed the students to leave by midday yesterday. But when Mr Michael Harris, Under Sheriff of the County of London, arrived at 1.10 pm with two senior police officers to serve the order be found the occupied area barri-caded. He was not obstructed.

Mr Harris went to the firstfloor entrance of the occupied area, but the doors were locked. Mr John Cruse, senior treasurer of the students union and one of four people on whom the High Court order was served, told Mr Harris he had

<sup>34</sup>r Harris said: "I have got a court order which unfortu-nately I have to enforce. It is going to be enforced. I should like to take possession peace-fully, but if I cannot, the only alternative is to take possession by force. I do not want to do

He spoke on the telephone increase in fees.

with Miss Wanda Goldwage general secretary of the union, who was inside the occupied area She refused on behalf of the students to admit him...

During the afternoon students from King's College near by urged the LSE students to down in the main entrance and obstruct the police. Their appeal had only limited success, and after a while they appeal

There was generally good humour and moderation throughout yesterday. The two senior policemen were amused by a slogan outside the occupied area saying:" Welcome to our friends in blue. Fight for the right to strike."

One reporter who was allowed in said no damage had been caused. It was remarkably clean everywhere.

It was believed that the under sheriff and the police had obcossions by how to serve the order giving the students what they want and with After good-humoured exchanges with students outside Mr Harris left. He said he hoped he could return peace fully, as he had done 25 years merviously to take a course in the could return peace of the could return peace fully as he had done 25 years students are being urged to take action for 24 hours next the course in protest at the Wednesday in protest at the Government's proposed in-creases in tuition fees (the

Press Association reports). Mr Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, announced last night that the NUS had called a national day of action. It will include occupations of universities, polytechnics and college build-ings. lobbying of councillors, rallies, and student-staff open

Students at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, occu-pied the administrative build-ing yesterday in pursuit of various demands, including no

## demand for new strategy rejected

By Our Political Reporter By Our Political Reporter
Labour's national executive, which two weeks ago wanted a reconciliation with the Government, yesterday reverted to its basic instincts by demanding of Mr Callaghan that a joint working party with ministers should be allowed to embrace an alternative economic strategy. native economic strategy.

The Prime Minister made clear, however, that such a proposition would not be entertained and that there was going to be no change in government policy in mid-term. He added that it might be possible to hold discussions on economic policy later, but certainly not now. Left-wing members on the national executive were clearly suffering withdrawal symptoms from their joint meeting with Cabinet ministers last week, particularly as they thought Mr Callaghan had made some

provocative remarks.

The attack was led by Mr
Mikardo, who had adopted a
conciliatory role at the joint meeting, but yesterday he stated that the Prime Minister had produced the idea of joint working parties like "rabbits out of a hat".

Mr Callaghan had suggested

a number of joint working parties, including industrial policy, unemployment, prices and education. Mr Mikardo, and some of his colleagues, argued yesterday, however, that an alternative economic strategy should be part of any discus-

sions.

Mr Mikardo complained that
Mr Callaghan had been a bit
abrasive in his remarks at the joint meeting. The executive was not seeking a confrontation but its hinest endeavour was to change policies in order "that we can go forward together to win the next general election ".

Pressure on the Prime Minister to allow discussion on an alternative economic strategy also came from Mr Arkinson, party treasurer, Mr Heffer and Mrs Castle, who stated that the joint meeting had been "dis-appointing and disturbing".

When asked to intervene in the debate by Mr John Chalmers, party chairman, Mr Callaghan said he had suggested joint meetings on industrial policy, but any discussion on an alternative economic strategy was bound to lead to disagree-ment. "Let us make a start on things where we agree", he

While Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, stated that an alternative strategy might emerge from discussions on industrial policy, the Prime Minister made clear that the national executive could examine an alternative strategy if it wished, but it would not be part of any joint talks.

## Labour NEC Defeat on devolution guillotine puts Cabinet in straitjacket

By George Clark Political Correspondent

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Few options will be open to the Cabiner this morning when it meets to decide whether to continue with the devolution Bill, which seeks to set up elected assemblies in Scotland and Wales. The humiliating defeat on Tuesday night of the attempt to impose a timetable to ensure the Bill's passage through the Commons this session makes that much plain. Even allowing for the united opposition of the Tories, it was essentially a defeat of the Government by its backbenchers. More than 40 are so disenchanted with the Bill that they refused all the blandishments and pressures of the

ishments and pressures of the whips, and Mr Callaghan, to vote for the guillotine motion. That is the central face the Cabinet must accept.

Ministers were putting on a

brave face yesterday and saying that the committee stage will proceed. Indeed, the Opposi-tion has been warned that the provisional programme for next week allots Tuesday and Wednesday to the continuation of the committee stage. But Labour realists realize that the Bill is virtually dead. Without a guillotine it is so full of volatile material, open

to challenge and amendment, that opportunities for delay and obstruction are manifold. There are three courses for ministers to consider. First, they

might continue with the Bill, hoping that the Commons stages can be completed in time fo the Lords to take the Bill this session, with the possibility of prolonging the session to December if necessary to enable them to do so. That idea was described as "pie in the sky" by a Labour opponent last night. After 11 days and nights the Commons has just completed consideration of three clauses in a 115-clause Bill, and the second reading of the new clause providing for referendums in Scotland and Wales. There have been 15 divisions, apart from procedural motions the Lords to take the Bill this apart from procedural motions on the closure of debates, and the Government has had majorities of between 19 and 267.

But the real defeat has been inflicted by those opponents of the Bill, Conservative, Labour, and Liberal, who have tabled vast numbers of amendments and sustained debate on them without ever being justifiably accused of filibustering. Mr Foot, Leader of the House, who in the past has made good use of the backbencher's power, has that fact recognized generosity.

His past successes are, indeed, an inspiration to the dissidents today. What could be done with the Parliament No 2 Bill to reform the House of Lords in 1967-68, could

repeated with the devolution Bill. So it has turned out. Secondly, the Government could decide to put the Bill into cold storage for the time being and bring in a quick Bill to authorize referendums in Scot-land and Wales as soon as pos-

That course was being urged by some Labour opponents yes-terday; but it would mean the end of the Bill this session, and there would be much argument about the form of the questions.

The third possibility is that the Government will accept the Shadow Cabinet proposition, supported by the Liberals, of an all-party convention on the constitution. It would have the and functions of the proposed assemblies, and on the future representation at Westminster of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A redrafted Bill would then be based on commo ground

What the convention should consider would be open to discussion within the parties. Obviously, the Liberals would like the terms of reference to be extended to cover the introduc-tion of proportional representation for elections to the Scottish and Welsh assemblies as well an to the European Parliament and, eventually, Westminster. Reform of the House of Lords, inextricably interwoven

in the general reform plans, would be another candidate for inclusion.

inclusion.

But any deviation from the commitment given in the Queen's Speech to legislation on devolution this session will be seized upon by the nationalists as perfidy. The slaughter of Labour. Conservative, and Liberal candidates at the next general election would be their aim, and the abandonment of aim, and the abandonment of the Bill would be for them a propaganda coup.

Mr Callaghan's view is that the Government has done its best to carry out its promises. and that the proposals have been thwarted by the combined efforts of a united Conserva-tive Party (which earlier seemed likely to split on the issue), an almost united Liberal Party, and the forty or so

Labour dissidents. He and other Cabinet ministers are pointing out to their political audiences in Scotland and Wales that Labour now seem to be the only party com-mitted to devolution of power m new assemblies. preserving the unity of the United King-dom. Today they will consider whether there may be some other way of devolving powers The Prime Minister is anxious to let it be known

that the Government does not Continued on page 2, col 1

### 'Private Eye' sellers lose appeal taking action was to stifle

Legal Correspondent Libel writs issued by Sir

Libel writs issued by Sir James Goldsmith against 17 distributors of Private Eye were not an abuse of the process of the court and he was entitled to proceed with them, the Court of Appeal decided by two to one yesterday.

Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Bridge rejected argument by the distributors that Sir James's real motive for

Private Eye's outlets. Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in a dissenting judgment, found that Sir James's predominant purpose was to stop the magazine from being distributed. That was a purpose outside the legitimate scope of the legal process, and the court should not allow the actions to con-

time, he said.

His opinion, however, was criticized by the other two judges. The court dismissed the

Southampton, in a sample case for all 17 distributors, from a decision by Mr Justice Stocker, who had overturned a decision by a High Court master staying Sir James's action.

Costs were awarded against Sperring, but will in fact be paid by Private Eye. The total, costs are estimated at between £20,000 and £30,000. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords Law Report, page 6

### ought of Amin visit Dr Kreisky reminds Israel of Palestinian rights

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wy-Roberts, Miniat the Foreign ed with Lord iew from the les that if this rended the conwould be most any self-respecting ld attend any Brown, who returned at the weekend from Nairobi called for speedy action because of fear that the killings of the fear that the killings of the past could be far exceeded by those of the present and future. ld attend any meeting at which Parliamentary report, page 7

Is show revulsion at

Roberts added that he boped Hansard would be perused care-Conservative

from the Commonwealth. He suggested that the Commonwealth would be the ideal forum for exposing recent events in Uganda and for show that it is not not only the control of the commonwealth. He suggested that the Commonwealth would be control of the control o ing that it was not only Christians, but peoples of all colours and religious, who looked on these with revulsion.

The Bishop of St Edmunds-bury and Ispwich, Dr Leslie

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Feb 23.
Dr Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, appeared today before 3,000 delegates to the Israel Labour Party's convention and told them boldly that the Palestinian people had as much right as Israelis to demand recognition of their national entity.

Referring to Israel's insistence that Jordan should represent the Palestinians in peace negotiations, the Chancellor said: "I want to tell you, dear friends, that you will not be able to choose who shall represent those people." Dr Kreisky was among an unprecedented array of political diguatories from 17 established your state "? he countries attending the conven-

tion which is to elect the party's foreseen you would develop in candidate for Prime Minister such a fashion? The Israel and leader in the parliamentary Labour Party's election platform elections on May 17. Voting by secret ballot began later

Dr Kreisky, who is of Jewish descent, has been unpopular here for outspoken comments including his support for recog-nition of the Palestinians. He was applauded as he stated that although he was not a Zionist, he felt a common fate with the

"community to which my an-cestors belonged". But he said sharply that it was not for Israel to say whether the area where the

Dr Burns attacks

Mr Carter's Administration was severely criticized yesterday by Dr Arthur Burns,

chairman of the United States Federal Reserve System, for producing policies that caused new lears about inflation. The Budget, which stepped up public

spending, included a plan for cash rebates to every American "which would weaken business confidence"

Ulster shooting: Mr Peter Hill, aged
45, a prominent Londonderry businessman, was shot dead near his home in
Limavady Road, Londonderry, lastnight Mason attack, page 2

Frand allegations: A new report on allegations of social security fraud, submitted by Mr Iain Sproat, MP, are expected to be published next month.3

Holidays: Fewer people took holidays

away from home last year but they

Carter Budget

opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state independent of jordan.

In a brief speech before the polling, Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said that during the two years and nine months of his administration the country had gained strength and enjoyed quiet borders. He closed on a personal note, asking:
"Wouldn't a vote against me mean no confidence in the man

and what we have done? How will the party explain why the Prime Minister was changed?" Mr Peres, the rival candidate, spoke at greater length, emphasizing domestic problems including the social gap, infla-

scandals, the decline in immigrate and emigration.

He said polls showed that the

party was declining and would not obtain the 750,000 votes needed to hold its own. Tel Aviv: In tonight's voting Mr Rabin could count on the support of the party machinery, of much of the large Tel Aviv area delegation and of delegates from kibbutzim.

Mr Peres was believed to have the support of most of the

Jerusalem and Haifa branches of the party as well as that of delegates from "development towns", where many Jewish immigrants from Arab countries have settled.—Reuter. Refugees' misery, page 5

#### **Britain reminds** Russia of Helsinki spirit

Britain has asked the Soviet Union to act in the spirit of Helsinki in considering some 40 cases of Soviet citizens who want to come to this country. Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, raised the question with Mr Nikolai Lunkov, the Soviet Ambassador, yesterday in the course of a general discussion

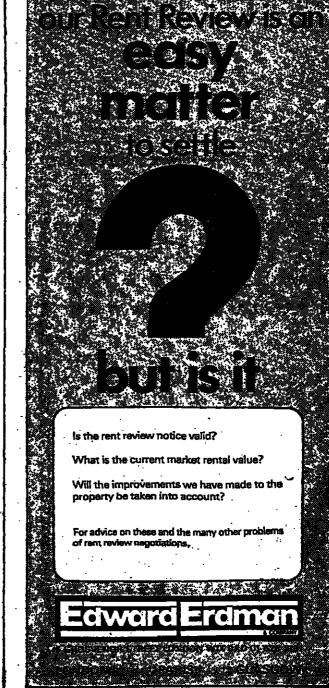
on human rights.

He pointed out that of the people seeking to come to Britain from the Soviet Union some wanted to join relatives permanently, and others wanted to visit relatives.

The obstacle on the Russian side seems to be the strong disapproval of Sovier citizens who have left their homeland to settle in a foreign country.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts emphasized the importance and phasized the importance attached by Britain to the Helsinki agreements.

Vienna, Feb 23.-Bulgarian emigrant representatives today claimed that Bulgaria had sig nificantly stepped up repression against "non-conformist circles" since the Helsinki conference.—Agence France-Presse.



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uthority committees

Early talks on European direct elec-tions are being sought by the Labour Party national executive with Mr Rees, Home Secretary, and Dr Owen, Foreign Secretary

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EEC poll talks

Mr Hattersley in

merger controversy

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for

Mr Hatterstey, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, was at the centre of a controversy after refusing to stop a contested merger between Herbert Morris and Babcock and Wilcox. A Monopolies Commission panel held, by a majority of three to

two, that the takeover might operate against the public interest Page 17

Mr Amalrik detained Paris police briefly detained Mr Andrei Amalrik, the Soviet dissident, who was protesting outside the Elysée Palace against President Giscard d'Estaing's Page 5 refusal to meet him

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DEVOLUTION AFTERMATH. Nationalists demand early general election after Government's defeat on guillotine motion to limit debate on the Bill

## SNP sees vote as big Brave words from propaganda weapon gloomy Wales

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

The clear mood among Scottish National Party supporters yesterday was for an early general election. The party's national executive is to meet in Scotland this weekend to discuss strategy, and a clamour to bring down the Government is expected.
Mrs Margo MacDonald, senior

vice-chairman of the SNP, put the blame for defeat entirely on the Government. She said if it had made it an issue of confidence the necessary votes would have been secured.

The only interpretation of the vote was that MPs did not like devolution. The only honest course now, she believed, was to put the option of independence directly to the electorate.

The vote put an absolutely huge propaganda weapon into our hands. The morale in the party is high and we are ready to fight either at an election or referendum."

Party workers believe the referendum should now be a straight choice between the status quo or independence. It would be shallow for the Government to include devolution among the questions, since it had not been willing to force devolution through the Commons. Another party official said the vote had polarized the issue and made it more likely Scotland could achieve independence in one stage

In contrast to the nationalists' jubilant indignation, the Labour Party in Scotland sounded shaken and demoralized. A senior officer speaking in Glasgow predicted a recoil in Scot-land against the Government, and friction between England and Scotland, with some Scotlish Labour MPs deciding not to support certain legislation for England. Bringing forward the referendum was not feasible, he thought since there would he no middle ground in future between the status quo and separation.

The General Council of the Scottish TUC, a strong sup-porter of devolution through a Scottish assembly, said the tragedy was that the Labour hackbenchers who had rebelled against the guillotine had done so from a misguided belief that

the Bill could lead to separa- From Trevor Fishlock

"The reality is that the failure of the Bill could have the most divisive effects on British working people. The overwhelming majority of Scottish trade unionists will be stunned and saddened by this development", it said. The people to benefit most would be the Scottish National Party.

The council urged the Government to go ahead with the Bill and to bring forward as quickly as possible a referwhich would show overwhelming the clearly support in Scotland for the Government's proposals.

Mr Michael Ancram, vicechairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland, said the momentum for devolution would continue and a genuinely acceptable solution must still be sought. "What happened... was basically a procedural matter. It would be very bad if it was now decided that this was a case of Westminster ver-sus Scotland. It was simply a

question of refusing to shut up and accept a basically bad Bill without discussion."

Mr Norman Buchan, Labour MP for Renfrewshire, West, said he believed the Government should press ahead with the Bill and continue discussion un the referendum to a duestion on Scotland remaining part of the United King-

Wider talks must also be held to discover what measure of agreement there was on

giving the Scottish assembly greater money-raising power. He said that many of the Labour MPs who had rebelled had done so for conscientious reasons. Liberais on the other hand, a party pledged on devolution, had voted against simply because there was no concession on proportional representation. Even more deeply disturbing was the Conservatives' decision to vote on

a party basis. Mr Russell Johnston, Liberal MP for luverness, said: have consistently argued for an all-party conference since before the publication of the Bill. This remains the only solution and I welcome the Tory Party's conversion to it and hope the Government will initiate discussions as soon as possible."

Crdiff

There were brave words from devolutionists in Wales vester-dy about losing the battle but not the war. Apportioning blame helped to

soften the sting, but they found little to alleviate their gloomy mood. The best they could make of it ll was to conclude that devolution had been in Welsh minds on nd off for 100 years. and they would just have to go on trudging the road.

The Welsh Office will bring to a discreet end, at least for the time being, the work to convert Cardiff's old Coal Exchange into the Assembly

some quarters over the defeat and the secretary of Plaid Cymru talked of a "stab in the back", most devolutionists admitted that they were deeply

disappointed.
No one can be more de-pressed than Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, who has been an enthusiastic champion of devolution since his university days. He had been heartened by the start last month of a non-party devolution campaign in Wales which preceeded the launching of a joint Welsh Labour Party and Wales TUC campaign to secure a "Yes" vote in the proposed referendum. .

Mr Emrys Jones, secretary of hte Welsh Labour Party, who went to Westminster on Tuesday to urge MPs opposed to devolution to change their minds, said yesterday: "We be-lieve strongly th tareform of government in Wales is necessary and inevitable, and that the devolution Bill is a great pation in decison making. "I am extremely disap-pointed. We in the Welsh

Labour Party have worked for 11 years to shape a policy re-flecting the consensus view. Where we have failed as a party is to convince English MPs of the need for devolution. to explain to them that the proposals were part of a pattern that would benefit England as well as Scotland and Wales. lease the exchange for 10 years "The Labour Party executive at "current market rental",

has failed in this task of communication, and must take much of the blame. Mr Foot and Mr Morris have done a first class job, but some other ministers have not supported mem in the

The Welsh Labour executive will meet soon to discuss the consequences of defeat. It will resist any move towards an early referendum. The party has always opposed referendums on principle. It also knows that the chances of Wales voting "No" to devolu-tion are much greater in a snap

The party was reasonably confident that a long-term campaign of public education would have produced a "Yes" vote. The best available information suggests that a third of the people of Wales are for devolu-

tion, a third against, and a third

referendum.

undecided.
Plaid Cymru, which has three of the 36 Welsh MPs and a tenth of the Welsh vote, believes it may benefit from the defeat, and talks of doubling its seats at the text general election. Certainly some Labour members admitted vesterday they saw no reason now why Plaid Cymru's vote should not

improve. But while the nationalists have certainly made advances in parliamentary and local terms, and are second in six constituencies, a doubling of seats would be a sensation. Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru president, said there would be great disillusionment with Labour in Wales. "It has made promises but failed to deliver. We support the SNP in its call for a great life."

in its call for a general

The pro-devolution Western Mail says today: "The Bill is dead, long live devolution." Mr Leslie Knight, chairman of the Welsh Conservative Party. said the Government should convene a constitutional conference to resolve the devolution question.

At the Coal Exchange the Government has spent or committed £258,000 on strengthenwithin the jurisdiction of the chief constable. It would thereing work, equipment, fees and wages. But the contract for the fore be inept to grant an order preventing his removal if he were no longer within the jurismain part of conversion has not yet been given. The Welsh diction of the Scottish court.

Lord Kinerals said the sole eround advanced by Mr Lionel Duiches, QC, for Mr Asse, for suspending the order was whether the deportation order could effectively be enforced in hopes offices can be used by other government departments. Roaald Butt, page 14

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## HOME'NEWS.

## Nuclear threat to liberties feared

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Questions about long-term security measures that would stallations. be made necessary by an ex- mitted to Mr Benn reflect conpanded nuclear power pro- cern that draconian security gramme have been submitted measures would be needed to by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secre protect stocks of plutonium tary of State for Energy, to the (with weapon potential) which various government and industrial agencies responsible for with proposals to increase nusafety. The questions ere prepared by the Council for the times over the nevt 30 to 40 Protection of Rural England, years. Friends of the Earth and the National Council for Civil as there should be widespread liberties, and accepted by Mr public understanding of the

energy supply.

Anxiety over security is not confined to Britain, for the Uniced State Nuclear Regulatory Committee sesterday ordered all nuclear power

From Our Correspondent

Office deportation order.

Mr Philip Agée the former CIA agent, has lost his fight for the protection of the Scot-

In a six-page written judg-

ment issued after a two-hour hearing at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday Lord Kincraig upheld the Solicitor General for Stotland's submis-

sions and ruled that the Home

Secretary was completely em-

resident in Scotland.

Scottish court.

powered to deport any person

Lord Kincraig said he would have found it difficult to grant

interim interdict against the Chief Constable of Lothian and

Borders preventing him from re-

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It could not be affirmed

positiviely that Mr Agée was

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Scottish court rules

against Mr Agee

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flowever, the questions sub-The submission states: " Jus

technical implications of a Information is being sought large nuclear power programme about possible restrictions on before major decisions are civil and political liberty as taken, so the social and politinuclear poer is exploited for cal implications of such a programme should also be widely understood in advance." The questions asked are: la

what ways would the Official Secrets Act be extended, particularly tosecurity screening

State for Scotland, The submis-

The Home Secretary was em-

cise powers of the former Sec-

retary for Scotland so far as they related to Scotland. For

those reasons the attack on the

validity of the deportation

order had failed. On that ground

the petitioners motion for in-

terim interdict must be refused.

after he had read the judgment

an appeal to a higher court

TUC decision: The TUC Gen-

eral Council yesterday washed its hands of Mr Philip Agee

and Mr Mark Hosenball and

turned its attention to the pro-

cedures of immigration law surrounding their case (Our

union delegation to Mr Rees.

the Home Secretary, to protest

A more to send a second

Labour Editor writes).

Mr Daiches said later that

and surveillance of people working in the electricity supply industry? What levels of armed force would be needed to guard large quantities of plutonium in transit and in nuclear installations themselves? How many sites around the country would be needed nuclear installations, where would those sites be, and what size of security service would

be created to safeguard them? The sensitivity of such matters was apparent yesterday when the Government said it was not possible to say which 'security agencies" would have to answer those questions. Indeed, it was certain that several questions would remain unanswered for security reasons. The Home Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Atomic

Energy Authority and the Central Electricity Generating Board would be among the bodies concerned with the

### Two secrets charge men granted bail

Ev Stewart Tendler sion was fallacious. Under the statutes the powers Home Affairs Reporter and duties of the Secretary of State for Scotland became vested in any one of her Majesty's principal secretaries Two journalists charged under the Official Secrets Act were told in Brixton prison last night that a High Court last night that a high Court judge had agreed to give them bail. But Mr Justice Bristow, hearing applications for bail in chambers, refused bail for a former soldier charged with the two men.

On Monday, at Tottenham Magistrates' Court, all three were ermanded in custody for a of state, including the Home powered under the Secretary for Scotland Act. 1926, to exerwere ermanded in custody for a week, and yesterday counsel for

the three appealed to the judge

to reverse the court's decision.

Crispin Aubrey, aged 31, of north London, and Duncan Campbell aged 24, of Brighton, were each given ball of £500 in their own recognizances and two sureties each of £2,500. At the end of a two-hour hearing John Berry, aged 33, of north London, was refused bail. Mr Aubrey, who works for Time Out magazine, and Mr Campbell a freelance journalist who has worked for the magazine, are each charged with receiving classified information Mr Berry, a former member of the Royal Signals, is charged with com-

at the secrecy surrounding the deportation orders attracted only six votes from the 38 municating the information. members of the general council, The three men were arrested ast Friday in Muswel Hill, north London, by members of and the TUC will now confine its activity to making represen-tations about the state of the the Sepcial Branch, and charged on Sunday evening.

## Mr Masc pulpit attack on bigotry

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By Christopher Walke Belfast

Mr Mason, Secr State for Northern vesterday chose the Belfast Cathedral to a bigoted attitudes of m politicians. Flanked by armer

Branch detectives, M was giving the first o of Lenten lectures general theme of ti sins. His subject, chosdean, was politics with ciple and it allowed cover the local poliniwith characteristic blur He found it sure politics in Northern

gion. The religious be person in most one mined which political would join, he told time audience of 500. "There are politici believe that a perso gious affiliation shoul him from some of the benefits of society.

their supporters carry enough to believe tha should be killed bec their religion. There are political believe that no fellows. who subscribes to a view should be given a in the decision-making of government, even

such a stance may lead tinuing hardship bloodshed within North land.
"That seems to m politics without princi-the basis for dictatorshi Speaking before fl London for a security at Westminster, Mr M: tated the British Gover determination to stay Northern Ireland and for an end to violence. You have all he catch cries of 'milital drawal', 'economic drawal', and 'decolon What the people whe such rumours fail to stand, and what the believe them equally fail derstand is that the

Govern ent is simply no

to attempt any clever as or wheeling-dealing tri-cynical sell-outs of th

munity."

## Difficult devolution choice faces ministers

Continued from page 1

see the defeat on the guillotine motion as a vote of no confi-dence. He insists that the Bill is not the central plank in the Government's programme and that the conquering of inflation an improvement in the

economy are the priorities. On the night of the defeat, Mr Callaghan warned some of clause to demonstrate even the rebel Labour MPs that they might find they had obtained which the Bill is riddled." koma jike to regret it. What he meant by that was that the only beneciaries, politically, will be the Scottish and Welsh nationalists and the Liberals, and that some

of the rebels may lose their There is no question of disciplining the rebels. They had given long notice of their intentions, Ministers and

whips had tried for weeks to dissuade them from defeating the guillotine motion. As long and as February 7 the Prime Minister had a full

list from the whips of the intending rebels, and the "situation report" which he received at 8 pm on Tuesday showed that there had been only minor changes, involving decisions to abstain rather than vote against. The final whips' estimate was only two or three Mrs Thatcher and

Shadow Cabinet decided last night to press forward with the demand for a constitutional convention and withdrawal of The 70 Conservative MPs who

belong to the anti-devolutionist

Flag Group had earlier thrown tions:

Leading group are Miss Harvie Anderson (Renfrewshire, East), Mr Amery (Brighton, Pavilian), Mr Macmillan (Farnham), Mr Sproot (Aberdeen, South), and Mr Grist (Cardiff, North).

They said the Government would find, if it decided to plod on with the Bill, that it would be "an increasingly ludicrous exercise". They promised that there would be fillbustering. only serious criticism of the Bill's defects.

tional convention, they will ask that the delegates shall not be chosen from the front buches; they want all strands of opinion to be represented from the backbenches, even though that bers.
Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP

for Liverpool, Walton, and a former minister, said: "The Government should now bring in a short Bill, based on the new clause authorizing the last week.

That would provide for referendums in Scotland and Wales with at least two ques-

down the gauntlet to the Gov- accept the Government's devoerament. lution proposals?" "Do you
"After such a resounding want to remain part of the
defeat, it would be utter farce United Kingdom?"; and posuereat, it would be utter farce. United Kingdom?"; and pos-for the Government to press on with the Bill", Mr. George if they want things to remain Gardiner, MP for Reigate, the group's spokesman, said. "But if it does so, we are ready to continue debating clau se by

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If there is to be a constituwould mean the convention having up to a hundred mem-

referendums, which was passed

continue debating clau se by Bill run for a few more weeks and then attempting to get the guillotine at a second attempt. Ministers are telling backbenchers that if dropped they should not assume that there will be an easy session ahead. There are appar-

> there is no promise of an early Bill on direct elections to the European Parliament. The Scottish nationalists decided yesterday that Mr Donald Stewart, the SNP leader in the Commons, should seek a meeting with the Prime Mini-ster to discuss the Bill's future. Plaid Cymru's three MPs demanded a meeting with the Prime Minister to clarify the

ently plenty of Bills on the way to keep the House busy. But

Government's intentions.

Mr James Silars, MP for Avrshire, South, and chairman of the Scottish Labour Party, said yesterday: "In the wake of alst night's wore, those who have remained Scottish members of the British Labour

The following MPs supported the Government in its unsuccessful attempt to impose a 20-day guillotine on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

Party reneged on its pledge over economic powers, and

Mr Emiyo Hooson, QC, MP. for Montgomery and leader of the Welsh Liberal Party said: "Whatever now happens with the devolution Bill, it is quite obvious that the Liberals are absolutely on the right track in insisting that the only way of getting meaningful devolution,

while totally guaranteeing the unity of the United Kingdom, is The debates had shown growing appreciation of the need to change the electoral system, he added. Proportional representation would protect the United Kingdom Parliament and any assembly from domination by minority extremists.

A group of Conservative back-benchers tabled a Commons motion last night calling attention to the fact that at the general election the Conservarive, Labour, Liberal, and Scottish National parties all had manifestos centaining a com-mitment to an elected Scottish assembly.

The MPs asked for the immediate establishment of a constitutional convention.

MPs who backed guillotine

vacancy at Birmingham. Stech-ford, caused by Mr Roy Jenkins's appointment to the presidency of the EEC Commis-sion, was 310. They produced 285 MPs (including tellers) to vote for the guillotine. The following Labour MPs did not vote:

#### remark starts strike From Our Correspondent

Council 'bias'

Merchyr Tydfii Services in Merthyr Tydfil. Mid Glamorgan, were crippled by a strike yesterday because of a remark by a Welsh nationalist councillor that council officers showed political bias

Scotland because it had not tations abobeen made by the Secretary of legislation.

raries, and housing and taxation departments are affected. Last night 300 members of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) began the strike in protest at the remark. It caused Mr Frank Ryder, the town's director of loisure, to leave a council meeting on Tuesday

night, weeping.
Councillor Edward Bartlett,
one of the controlling Plaid
Cymru group, made the allegation of bias. When asked to say whom he menat he reolied "Mr Ryder and his assistant."
In spite of a Plaid Cymru apology and a withdrawal by Mr Bartlett of his allegation, the

Talks are expected on Monday between Nalgo officials and councillors but until then the strike will continue. Bus services may be affected later.

#### Court martial declines to stop hearing The case against Lieutenaut-

Commander Peter Paget, aged 44. of Bishop's Stortford, Hert-fordshire, accused of negligence in the loss of the Royal Naval Reserve minesweeper Fittleton last autumn, was so weak that no reasonable court could convict him, his counsel submitted yesterday. But the court mar-tial at Portsmouth decided to continue the hearing today. Commander Paget has Commander Paget has pleaded not guilty to four charges or negligence arising

from the incident wen his ship hif the frigate Mermaid and sank. Twelve men died. Commander George Beattle, for Commander Paget, said the Fittleton was sucked towards the bigger ship by underwater currents, nor steered in. Earlier a naval ship-handl-

ing expert, Commander Chris-topher Morgan, said there had been serious mistakes before the collision. The two ships need not have so close together. After an initial bump the Fittleton should have slowed instead of accelerating. From the evidence, the minesweeper was steered into the path of the

frigate.
"I do not know whether the starboard wheel was applied in error, but I am convinced it was the last wheel applied, and it was not seen on the bridge in the agony of the moment. This was negligent", he said.

#### Firemen's protest

Essex firemen have banned

#### Wilson denial on classified documents reluctance that Lady Palkender should receive highly sensitive during the premiership INCOPK material originating from the Heath, but the new to Sir harold Wilson yesterday

stood by his assertion that no member of his Political Office at 10 Downing Street has seen classified documents during the time he was Prime Minister. His renewe ddenial was stim-

ulated by the reproduction n The Sun of a minute alleged to have been sent to Sir Harold on June 28, 1965, by Mr (now Sir) Derek Mitchell, then his principal private secretary. The document dealt with arrange-ments for Lady Falkender, Sir Raroid's personal and political secretary, to be shown classi-fied documents, including Cabinet minutes, dealing with

Sir Harold stated at the time of his controversial resignation honours list lat summer and in his volume of reflections, The Governance of britain, pub-lished in October, that Lady Falkender, who ran his polit-ical office, had not seen classi-fied material. He said yesterday that Lady felkender had agreed to that arrangement. Sir Derek's minute, printed in The Sun, expressed

joint Intelligence and Oversea. Policy and Defence Committees of the Cabinet, Such material has a limited and tightly controleld circulation. Sir Derek, new head of over-

seas finance in the Treasury, yesterday stood by the Civil Service code which prevents officials from disclosing or But there has long been scepticism in Whitehall about Sir Harold's blanket denial as even the daily log of the Prime Minister's movements and engagements, which Lady Fal-kender would most certainly have seen, is given a "res-tricted" classification to

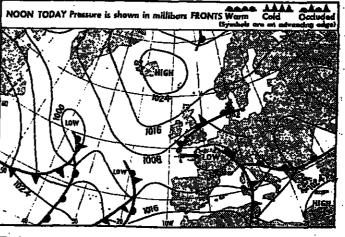
ensure his personal security. If the document quoted by The Sun was a forgery, it must have been compiled by some-one with an intimate, inside knowledge of the procedures: 10 Downing Street for handling classified material. The method of conveying highly sensitive documents to the

transcript, accurately the procedures in use in.

The security practice erning the distribution

sensitive material fro abinet and its committee based on the "need to principle, whereby circis restricted to ministe civil servants directly in There would have been reluctance on the part Derek and Sir. Burke Lord) Trend, the Secre the Cabinet, 10 depart this principle for any it with the Prime Minister. The practice of positi ting, to determine the lity of those handling sc material, is extended to one working in numbersher in a Civil Service political capacity.
Sir Harold Wilson yesterday that he interseek legal advice abou Downing Street minute said the document appear have been leaked by a

### leged person before 197, Weather forecast and recordings.



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 5.32 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 12.39 am Pirst quarter : February 26. Pirst quarter: February 26.
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(22.2ft). Avonmouth, 10.39 am,
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2.37 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 2.54 pm,
8.2m (26.8ft).

Pressure will be high to the NW of the British Isles and remain low to the S, with a NE remain low to the S, with a NE airstream over most places.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Anglia and E Midlands: Bright intervals and showers, becoming cloudy with further rain; wind E, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

SE and central S England:
Rather cloudy, rain in places; wind E, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

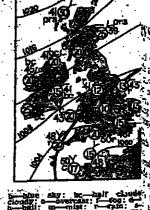
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Channel Islands and SW England: Mostly cloudy, hill fog; rain at times, sleet on hills; wind NE, moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F). Lake District, Isle of Man, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyli and Northern Ireland:

Argyli and Northern Ireland:
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6°C (43°F), frost in places.
NE England. Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen,
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NE Scotland, Orkney and Shetland: Wintry showers, occasionally heavy; bright or sunny
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fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F), frost
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Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Bright intervals and wintry

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; 

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## Stephen McAdden (Southend, East, C) with Mrs Joyce Butler (Haringey, Wood Green); and Mr. Spencer Le Marchan; (High Lack C) the Convention Jezk, C) the Opposition whip, with Mr Rowlands, Minister of State, Foreign Office, who was overseas on government business. The following Labour MPs voted against the Government: Leo Abse (Pontipos): Roreid Erown (Hackney, South, and Shoredich). Harry Cowens (Newcastle upon Tyne. deer farming

The Highlands and Islands Development Board has bought the 3,800-acre west Highland estate of Rahoy on the Morvern peninsula to evolve commercial deer farming techniques which could be later applied else-where in the Highlands and

Welsh protest at BBC

Weish language demonstra-tors got into the headquarters

of BBC foreign services at Bush

House, Aldwych, London, yes-terday, and hurled office files

## not vote: Donald Anderson (Swansea, East), Gordon Bagiar (Sunderland, South), Asthur Bottonsley (Teesside, MiddlesArthur Bottonsley), Bornard Gonian (Galconhead, East), Richerd Carwahaya (Liverpool, Testieth), Ioan Evans (Aberiore, John Esans (Newton), Frank Ratnot Violanchester, Moss Side), Eric Heffer Liver-nool, Wallon), Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North), Neil Kinnock, Bedweilty, John Lee (Brunincham) Handsworth), Richard Milchall Handsworth), Richard Milchall Handsworth), Richard Handsworth, Richard Handsworth, Gwilliam Volloy (Eafing, North), Gwillyn Roberts (Cannock, Jerfrey Rodsr Birmingham, Perry Bar), John Ryman (Bisyth), Migel Speeding (NewRyman, Gilly), David Waltins-(Consett), William Whitlock (Notriogham, North) Board to develop Suppression of

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objections were responsible for

As reported in The Times on February 16, the report is of their understood to favour increasing against home ownership at the expense of council building.

### report denied Suggestions that trade union

the suppression of a report on housing by the Building Economic Development Council are denied by Mr George Smith, secretary of the Union of Con-Struction, Allied Trades and Technicians and a member of the council our Planning Reporter writes).

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Most complaints submitted by MP displayed a poor grasp of the social security system

## Welfare report likely to disclose small incidence of fraud

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent
A second report on allegations of social security fraud
submitted for investigation by
Mr Ioin Sproat, Conservative
MP for Aberdeen, South, is
likely to disclose as low likely to disclose as low an incidence of proved fraud as the first one, which appeared last week.

appeared last week.

The new report covering about two hundred allegations, will probably be published next month. The first one covered 196, and disclosed eight instances of fraud.

The eight which involves The eight, which involve cluded that she was simply petry fraud rather than organ-passing on gossip. ized crime, are being dealt with.

The expectation of a similarly low yield from the second investigation is based on the fact that the allegations were made in the same kinds of letter as the first batch.

Air Orme, Minister for Social
Security, has allowed me to see
a selection of those letters,

gations investigated. Most were written by people with a low standard of literacy and little knowledge of the relationship between benefits and contributions paid. Some were clearly making the standard of t

malicious. malicious.

One woman complained that a social security cheque had chabled a family to buy a colour television set, while a relative of hers had been unable to get a grant to buy pyjamas. Interviewed by officials, she was unable to name the family concerned. The investigators concluded that she was simply

for a grant since he had last re-ceived one to pay for pyjamas four years ago. A man was accused of joining the Army during the last war specifically to earn himself a pension, and not to have worked since his discharge. He was said

to live rent-free in a council

dressed.

In fact the man was 69, and was buying his house at a weekly cost including rates of under £4 a week. His bost clothes were 15 years old. He had been invalided out of the Air Force and unable to work since because of a combination of ailments, including arthritis, deafness and high blood-pressure. He lived on invalidity benefit. benefit.

Not all allegations were quite so ill founded. Three members of one family were named in a letter containing allegations arainst a total of eight people, all known to their local social security office and against some Her relative had not asked of whom suspicions had arisen

> All three had started new jobs and stopped drawing bene-fit before the investigations were completed. If any of them

house and to be always well will be referred to a senior dressed.

In fact the man was 69, and investigators that it was rare was buying his house at a for all threat to be working at weekly cost including rates of the same time.

But a woman named in the But a woman named in the letter, who was said to be drawing benefit while receiving substantial sums from two lodgers, was not claiming benefit. She was the cohabitee of one of the men, who was unemployed but not available for work because he was caring for their children while she was in hospital rewhile she was in hospital re-covering from an operation. Mr Orme said that about half his post of 500 letters a week

on social security matters made allegations of fraud. The test were from people who found it difficult to get benefits to which they believed they were entitled. Fewer than two-fifths of unemployed people received unemployment benefit, Mr Orme said.

He added: "The remainder of the cases in the Sproat

the special exercise has cost us a lot of money, about £10,000 to £15,000. We carnot continue this exercise indefinitely."

Mr Sproat said he was " abso-lutely horrified" that letters sent to him in confidence had been passed on to the press. It was constitutionally improper. was constitutionally improper.
He said he would continue
his campaign. He thought the
investigations were a whitewash.
He had had floods of letters
expressing the same view. The
statistics offered in the first
report were "slippery" and
typical of the way the department ried to avoid prosecuting
people.

people.

Mr Sprost Cited a case where he had alleged that a man receiving unemployment benefit had been working in a public house. The allegation had been working he depart. substantiated, but the department had not prosecuted be-cause the man was paid in

### NHS mental health care is criticized

By our Health Services Correspondent The National Health Service does not meet the needs of the community, particularly in mental health, where even minimum standards have not been reached, the Royal College of Psychiatrists said yesterday.

There are severe deficiencies in services for the acutely disturbed mentally handicapped and the elderly demented, the college says in evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

The suggested provision of 23 to 3 beds a thousand for old people who might suffer from severe dementia should be regarded as the minimum rather than the ideal. A tenth of those over 65 suffered from dementia and it was expected that in the next 20 years the proportion of people over 75 who were particularly liable to the condition would increase by a quarter.
While it was desirable that they spend as much time as possible in their own homes at least a fifth were unfit to do

The college says it is gravely concerned about the large pro-portion of unqualified staff, who supplement the comparae of the large tively small number of quali-opinion that fied nurses in most mental hospitals.

Conservative call over police pay

Conservative backbenchers at the Commons last night were heavily signing an early-day motion drafted by officials of the Opposition's home affairs committee, calling on the Government to find a way to in-crease police pay and end the grievances of the British police

forces. The motion reads: That this Bouse, believing that an efficient and contented police force is indispensable to the maintenance of the Queen's peace, calls on the Prime Minister to procure a speedy solution to the police pay dispute on the principles applied in the case of the seamens' pay settlement.

Among the principal signa-tories are Mr Edward Gardner, QC, Mr Maudling, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Mr Anson, Mr Faurick Mayhew, Mr Roger Sims, and Mr Alan Clark. They have deliberately mentioned the Prime Minister, who in years of Labour opposition was parliamentary consultent to the Police Federations of England and Wales and Scotland. (The consultancy post is

son of a police inspector.)
Mr Gardner said last night:

The police deserve better treatment than they are getting. The fact that they have no right to strike must not be exploited; the Government must do for the police what they did for the National Union of Seamen, because the case for the payment of fringe benefits to the police is just as strong, if not stronger."

Our Crime Correspondent writes: Representatives of the 120,000 members of the Police Federation will tell Home Office officials tomorrow that unless progress is made on their £6-a-week claim within the next two weeks they can-not be held responsible for action that some members might take.

A federation official said last night after a meeting of the executive: "The mood in some areas is such that groups of police officers may decide to go on strike or just report sick and refuse to go on duty. We hope that the Government will concede we have a just claim and avoid a tragedy."

The federation's executive, which in trade union terms is regarded as moderate, is being bombarded with demands from press for a change in its constitution that would give the police the rights to strike and to affiliate with the TUC.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has told the federation several times that to grant the f6 demand would be in breach of the pay code. The police, however, cite the case of the seamen, who were granted a pay increase last year with fringe benefits after they had threatened to call a national

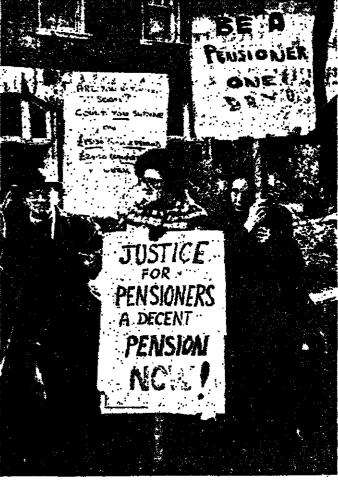
There are now signs, however, that the Government may avert a head-on clash with the police with a "watered down package", as one official described it, to placate most of

#### Obscene telex message led to £30 fine

The £5,000-a-year managing director of a steel company decided to send a funny message to a former partner with whom he had had business disagreements, magistrates at Walsall, West Midlands, were told yesterday. After pre-Christmas drinks with another steel company director he sent a message over their telex machine.

Among other things, mostly Among other things, mostly obscene, his message read: "I hope you die over Christmas and nobody collects for you." Stuart Royston James McGleish, aged 30, of Wrekin Avenue, Newport, Salop, who pleaded guilty to sending a grossly offensive, obscene, indecent and menacing message by the mublic teler service was

Mr Gerald Challoner, for the defence, said: "This was done with the full knowledge that there would be no lady opera-tors on duty at either end."



Outside their London headquarters yesterday TUC leaders had to run the gauntlet of angry old-age pensioners campaigning for higher pensions.

## in flooded zoo

Firemen pumped a foot of floodwater from cages in a 200 at Knaresborough, North York shire, yesterday, to save a number of animals, including a lion,

two pumas and a tiger.

Their cages had been flooded by 12 hours continuous rain and it was feared that they would catch pneumonia.

Animals rescued | Firms in Sunday post appeal

The Mail Users' Association, which represents the Post Office's commercial customers, has asked it to resume a limited postal collection on Sundays, which was halted last May for a year experimentally at an estimated saving of about £8m. The Post Office is unlikely to make any decision until the experiment is complete.

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The organization claimed to be in daily contact with every big British prison, which it was, out of the prisons through smuggled letters.

strikes were the country", Mr Fitzgerald tish prisons in states.

but not through the under-ground links imagined. It used the media to transmit its messages and the replies came

On July 21 every national daily newspaper, many local and evening papers and every news broadcast on television and radio carried the date of the first national prison strike in

Britain.

"By the time the day arrived", Mr Fitzgerald says, "prisoners at Durham had read. seen, and heard so much of the national strike that they thought it had had Home Office approval, and so the whole prison joined in the protest." Prisoners in Revolt (Pelican paperback, £1).

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#### escribes | Channel Islands fear increase in anclear pollution

The Home Office is carefully considering possible dangers to the Channel Islands because of increased French nuclear vity on the Cotentin peninger, near by, Guernsey's parliament was assured yester-

It was disclosed that last October the Home Office was old of public concern and uncase in Guernsey, and was

uncase in Guernsey, and was asked to assess the risk.

Jersey made a similar request in December and yesterday Mr. Mr. Chael Beaumont, the Seigneur of Sark, asked for that island to be associated with the others. the others.

Jince the early 1960s a
French plutonium reprocessing
plant has been in operation at
C. La Hague within sight of

Alderney, and on occasions, most of the other islands.
Recently there have been reports that the plant's capacity is to be increased to cope with auditional nuclear waste, including some from language. is to be increased to the wate, auditional nuclear waste, including some from Japan. There are also plans for a French nuclear-powered electricity plant to be built at Flamanyille near by.

Flamanville near by.

Islanders' fears about possible
'Intamination were increased
by a prolonged strike by prodiction workers over safety
measures at La Hague last
year, and by recent reports
sold visits from Crilan, the antifactear movement in lower
Normandy. The movement
describes La Hague as "Windmatale run wild".

#### Bone-marrow boy

Anthony Nolan, aged five who has a bone-marrow disease, was said to be making satis-factory progress in Canterbury Hospital yesterday, after drop-ping a bowl on his foot at his home near Ashford.

# So much more to enjoyat 47



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LOW TO MIDDLE TAR GROUP As defined in H.M. Government Tables. EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING The education debate 2: More needs to be heard of the views of the consumers

## TUC-Labour plan to put union men on council committees

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Plans to give trade union representatives an opportunity to influence the decisions of local authorities were published ment of schools. yesterday in a joint working party statement by the TUC and the Labour Party.

It draws attention to what it calls the special problems of introducing industrial demo-cracy into local government because of the election processes and the representative nature of councils. Nevertheless it recommends worker-involve-

The main proposal is that employee representatives should constitute up to a fifth of each council committee, with a minimum of two representatives. They would not be allowed to vote, but would bring their special knowledge as local authority employees to bear on com-mittee decisions, the statement

It recommends that workers should be allowed to stand for election to the council that employs them, and says that legislation along those kines is "very much overdue". The TUC and the Labour Party would be seeking a joint meeting with the Secretary of State. for the Environment for an unequivocal commitment from the Government.

The working party was set up by the TUC local government committee and the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party. The chairman was Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and Local Covernment Officers According Government Officers' Associamon (Nalzo).

The joint statement says the cooption of teachers, with voting rights, on to education committees should be maintained as now. Workers should have voting rights on lowerlevel groups such as the managing and governing bodies of schools and colleges. They would be drawn from and elec-ted by members of recognized

still finding

little favour

In a day of mounting pres-

sure on the social contract the TUC General Council yesterday

deleted some important Treasury thinking from its own

preparation for tomorrow's talks

the Budget with the Chan-

At the suggestion of Mr Clive

Jenkins and other left-wingers, the review, which forms the basis of union attitudes towards

the economy over the next year.

now declines to accept govern-ment figures for the fall in

living standards due to wage restraint, and the likely level

of inflation in 1977.

And while the general coun-

cil was arguing the merits of

keeping its options entirely open on a third phase of pay

restraint, Mr Joe Wade, the craft printworkers' leader, was

pronouncing the social contract

In his union's journal, Print,

Mr Wade, general secretary of

the National Graphical Associa-

tion, savs: "It wasn't the unions that killed it. It was the Govern-

ment." Unions had entered into

the contract with assurances

that pay restraint would help to

defeat inflation, restore confid-

ence in the pound, reduce un-employment and create a stable

base for expansion of the economy and keeping prices

"In spite of support from the whole trade union movement on an unprecedented scale, he says "none of these objectives

Opposition to continuing pay restraint also came from a less

The 28 members of the union's executive voted two to one

against endorsing a resolution recognizing the need for a third phase of the social contract.

Those manifestations of opposition to a further round of light pay curbs fuel the grow-

ing disenchantment with the social contract. The amendments to the Economic Review

are not, in themselves, of great

importance, but the support of such figures as Mr Scanlon, of

the engineering workers, for the left's move to reject Trea-

sury assessments on the economy is of significance.

Mercury danger

is an essential component in the preparation of dental fill-

Tories may adopt

The executive council of

Cardigan Conservative Associa-

tion is recommending members

to adopt as their candidate Mr

Emlyn Thomas, aged 53, a for-mer secretary of the Welsh Liberal Party.

Cardigan was held by Mr Ger-aint Howells for the Liberals

with a majority of 2,410 in a

four-cornered contest.

At the last general election

former Liberal

in dentistry

have been achieved."

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

cellor.

Labour Party have already put that idea to the Taylor committee, which is investigating the government and manage-In addition to participation

in committee work, the report says, it is important that industrial democracy should operate within council departments. It suggests a formal system of committees, involving staff at all levels in the management of their departments. Meetings would be attended by the chairman of the relevant council committee and the chief

directly involved operate.
It emphasizes that the work-

ing party's intention was to

devise procedures that would not disturb the wider demo-cratic nature of local govern-

ment, and says its proposals

would make it possible for employees to be engaged in the discussion of matters of import-

ance to staff before a decision

housing department."

will spare

local voting

will not be affected by a

national overtime ban from

April 1 by the National and

Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), it emerged

The union's emergency com-

mittee is recommending that

work for returning officers dur-ing the elections should not be

advice was drawn up after

prolonged consideration of the implications of the ban on electoral registration and poli-

However, the committee is recommending that preparatory

electoral registration work over

should be regarded as over-

time.
Union branches are to be

given discretion not to operate the ban, which is over cuts in

jobs and services, if there is a danger to life and limb or

property. Staff such as com-mittee clerks can work in the evening as part of their con-

tracts of service so lon gas they take time off in lieu; the union

standard working period

regarded as overtime.

By Our Labour Reporter The Local elections in May

tion of policy.

Pav restraint | Nalgo ban

It might be argued that there

was no guarantee that the em-ployees' views would influence

decisions. But those views were only one of the elements that

should enter into the formula-

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She is reflecting ruefully, too, this week on the effect her father's nomadic life as an enworking party recom-that consideration gineer has had on her learning of mathematics in the six should be given as to how, schools she has attended. Her departmental level, employees can best play their part in jointly determining how mock examination result on Tuesday showed a poor score of 24.4 per cent. the services in which they are

Harrogate.

Correct as the result may be to the decimal point, it does not explain that Miranda began with modern mathematics and cuisenaire rods at a primary school near Barrow-iu-Furness. After an interlude at Winder-mere, where she was taughr traditional addition and sub-

Education Correspondent

for a year as a comprehension

exercise at a private school in

Kirkby Lonsdale. She read it

again as a set book at a com-

prehensive school in Keighley. This year, it is a gateway to the classics at Granby High School,

Harrogate

Nomadic pupils prove case for centralized curriculum traction she moved when she was 13 to Kirby Lonsdale, and back to modern mathematics. At the age of 14 she Mention Lord of the Flies to Miranda Corder, aged 16, and she feels a little sick. William reverted to traditional teaching

at Keighley, and for the last year she has been studying for her Certificate of Secondary Golding's novel has featured prominently on her English syllabus for three years as she Education, in the modern way. Miranda typifies much of has moved from school to what the great debate on education, which today moves to its second regional conference First she went through it Bradford, is all abour.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who has referred to the increasing mobility of families, is now asking how far can we afford to continue with a decentralized educational system in which every head teacher can decide what should be taught, except for the statutory amount of religious education.

This week I have visited three schools: Granby, a large comprehensive with more than two thousand pupils, in Harrogate; Upper Nidderdale, a small, former secondary modern school of 320 pupils, in the milher of Paraley Bridge the village of Patelev Bridge, a dozen miles away; and Rise-dale, a thousand-pupil school where half the children are from highly mobile army families ar Catterick Camp, in

which the school is situated.

united front for the following:

1. A single examination at 16-plus set by a national examination board, with marks based more on the assessment of work done over a two-year course than only on the results of a 25 hour examina-

2. Freedom for children to choose their courses, except for mathema tics and English, which should be compulsory until the age of 16. The abolition of statutorily compulsory religious education for

children over the age of 14. Helen Moncrieff, who has attended nine schools in 10 years, has just moved to Risedale from an army school at Corsham, Wiltshire, abandoning an integrated course that included European studies and the humanities to take up a traditional timetable where French is French and history is history.

She can be forgiven for being rather muddled as to which board and which examination clie is facing at any particular moment. There are after all eight CSE boards and six GCE ones, and there are many dif-ferent examination methods in

Each of the three schools visited had different groupings of compulsory subjects. None

More than 30 children of kept religious education as a widely differing interests and compulsor, subject in the way abilities, have shown a fairly envisaged by the 1544 Education of the control of the tion Act.

Upper Midderdale has just introduced a system of compulsory options, where pupils at the age of 14 must choose four subjects of four lessons each a week. One must be from a science group, one from a craft group and one each from a humanity and modern language group. The pupils seemed to

like the arrangement The system of allowing 14year-old- to choose the greater part of their school work seems to work better at Granby, where the children more freely make their own choices, then at Risedale, where many follow their teachers' recommendations.

At Risedale, however, there were quite a few pupils like Susan Smith who had dropped all science subjects. She said: "Only when you have reached a certain standard do teachers recommend you to continue. I am beginning to regret drop-ping science. I was hopeless at physics and chemistry, but I think I am going to need

Risedale insists on careers as

dustry. Simon Shretton-Downes. aged 17, said the emphasis at Granby was more on profes-sional careers after university and polytechnic.

He said: "I could not tell you the first thing about indus-try, except that there are a lot of people on strike all the time, and the TUC has a lot of power. My dad, who works as a company salesman, tells me to keep out of industry and to become my own boss if I can."

More pupils were in favour of keeping physical education (PE) as a compulsory subject than religious education (RE), although Tim Martland thoughs is should be up to the teacher to decide whether a pupil was so bad that he or she should be relieved from being an embar-rassment to the rest of the class.

All the Yorkshire pupils agreed that the Joint Matriculation Board's proposed new types of single examinations at 16plus—a mixture of CSE and GCE—which are still being considered by the Government, were the best and the fairest. Their views on that came out

It is a pity that, with the second of the eight regional dea compulsory subject and as a pates about to start, the con-result its pupils know a great sumers of education have had deal about work in local in- such a little say.

# Maths gulis police for teach fix see prolists 171 stage stages

Wiltshire County today publishes a curriculum for teachi matics to children age 5 and 13 in its 377 sch More than a teachers have cooper project lasing 18 m

create the guide. The curriculum possible steps in developing understar mathematics. It starts sorting of blocks of shapes and progresse step to topics such taneous equations an

metric ratios. The Prime Minister parents and grandpar. fear that children are taught the basic skill reassured to learn memorizing of multables still has a bonour in the new ca

#### Solicitor to struck off: another rest

ton Road, Shenfield, be struck off the roll client account money

was no loss of client. Mr Jones has 14 days to lodge notice of app. Mr Michael Davil 1 of Bagshot Manor, being found guilty of was told that he had r

money before the st order was made.

#### No prosecut after Teessid school inqui

Cleveland police hav [[C]] 2]
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The police started tions when Miss Mary I was dismissed as hear of the school. The sch sion to terminate her ment followed inquiri her conduct in regard t tion of the school " The police said th. advice had been received

#### is taken at committee level. As Fewer took examples it cites proposed changes in work practice; changes in staff levels; a transfer of manpower resources; and general policy implementation. It continues: "The school secretary, caretaler, or welfare assistant, as well as the teacher, here." 1976, but have a positive and valuable contribution to make to the working of the school or the education department. Similarly rent collector could provide wealth of information to a

By Patricia Tisdall
Because of the squeeze or discretionary spending and higher holiday prices three million fewer holidays were taken away from home last year than the year before.

A survey by the British Tourist Authority shows that just under 45 million holidays of four nights or more were taken by Britons in 1976, com-pared with 48 million in 1975. Trade estimates for this year are

The West Country continues to be the most popular destina-tion for British people (24 per cent of holidays). Wales, the South-east and Scotland were next in order of popularity.

a 14 per cent share of the total France came second, with 11 per cent, followed by Italy, 8 per cent, and Greece, 6 per cent. Europe attracted 82 per cent of all holidays abroad last year. Just over half the Britons who

those organized independently, 42 per cent, and cruises, 2 per Average total expenditure a person holidaving in Britain was £39, an increase of £7, or 22 per

says. The Scottish TUC has decided to sponsor a national demonstra-tion in Glasgow to coincide with a one-day strike by Nalgo on March 9, and is calling on all unions to take part. Several unions have already decided to hack the strike.

holidays in more spent

that there will be a further decline in holidays
Expenditure on holidays, however, rose last year by £320m to £2,670m. Of that, £1,210m was

spent on holidays abroad, a rise of £130m. Of the 45 million total holidays taken by Britons, 7,500,000, or just over 16 per cent, were spent abroad.

Spain was by far the most popular overseas destination for holidaymaking Britons last year, as in previous years, attracting

chose foreign holidays preferred inclusive packages. The rest of

cent, on the previous year. Average total expenditure a person on holidays abroad last year was £162, also 22 per cent up on the 1975 average.

Cliff-fall death

Simon Rolfe, aged 17, a member of a school party from Warlingham, Surrey, who was injured in a rock fall at Lulworth Cove, Dorset, on Sunday, died in Weymouth and District Hospital yesterday.



Mr Harold Lever, MP (left), and Lord Macpherson of Drumochter (both wearing spectacles) competing in the third annual bridge contest between the Lords and the Commons yesterday, watched by (left to right) Mr Omar Sharif, the actor, Mrs Rixi Marcus, women's world bridge champion, and Mr Peter Jay, Economics Editor of "The Times". Diary, page 14.

## Seven prisoners in every 100 allowed out on parole return to jail

An average of seven prison-ers out of every 100 released on parole return to prison while on licence, a Home Office research team announced yester-

"Any system of discretionary early release from prison obviously involves some risk to the public", it said. "This study has shown that the risk tastes email during the first tastes. was small during the first two years of the parole scheme, in terms both of the proportion of parolees coming to adverse notice and of the type of behaviour which led to it. Since then, with a rather more liberal

on licence, at least as measured by the rate of recall, has become slightly more frequent, but still remains at an encouragingly low level."

Between 1968 when the parole system was introduced, and 1975, authorities in England and Wales considered 71,000 cases for early release from prison but six thousand other cases were not considered because the inmates concerned refused to be

Among the explanations given by some of the men who opted out were: did not think they would get parole; did not want

the "aggravation" of the selection process: did not want to cooperate with the staff or the authorities to get parole; did not want supervision on licence; disapproved of the way the scheme was run; felt they would offend again if released; the police would harass them and ensure their recall; were going to save parole for a longer sen-tence; would be penalized by the courts if they failed while on parole; applying for parole would suggest they were not

innocent.

Parole in England and Wales. A Home Office Research Unit Report (Stationery Office; £1.75).

In the case of a second proing, and then to Sir. Gramme assistant. Senhor Curran, Director-General Antonio Cartaxo, who was dis-

## Appeal against dismissa by BBC is rejected

By Martin Huckerby

A Portuguese programme assistant who was dismissed soon. from thte BBC's external services department for "lapses in professional conduct " has: had his appeal against dismissal rejected by an industrial tribunal in London.

The decision is expected to be announced officially today, bur Senhor Jorge Ribeiro has been told that the tribunal does not believe he was unfairly dis-

The dismissals took 1975 after complaints Commons that the BB guese service was disp \_\_\_\_ pro-communist line in broadcasts. The BBC : seven lapses, mainly i laughter during transatt political comments on t Both men appealed ufully against dismissal,

Mr Gerard Mansell, n director of external bi

## Liberals ready to support list system for direct European elections

predictable quarter yesterday: the traditionally non-militant Confederation of Health Service Employees, which has just recruited its 200,000th member. When Mr Callaghan and the Cabinet meet at 10 Downing Street on Friday to resolve the difficulties of holding direct elections for the European Parthe will have to decide whether to abandon United Kingdom electoral practice and adapt the list system that operates widely in the EEC countries. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, told me that he and his

12 colleagues in the Commons have already decided that they would accept the list system and that it was practicable for all other British parties. He accepted that at first sight the system might be con-

domned as undemocratic and untraditional, but added that in 1982, at the end of the four-year term, the United Kingdom would have to adopt a uniform method of elections to the A team from Glasgow Uni-European Parliament that might versity is to study health risks include the list system and proportional representation. faced by dental staff when they are exposed to potentially "The way we should get over fatal mercury vapours. Mercury

the undemocratic power of party central headquarters to nominate from a list ", Mr Steel said, " would be to have our ings.
The study team, led by Professor John Lenihan, will ask own internal primary elections, on the model of the leadership dental staff to supply samples of their hair and nails for election last year. That would remove much of the objection to a national list controlled by

"We should further consider whether the Liberal list should be put on a regional basis. We should try to operate an

Only 685 people had to be

treated in hospital for injuries

caused by fireworks last year, Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-

Firework injuries

internal party system that date in both parliaments begins would satisfy the party in spite to be visible. The health of of the undemocratic element inherent in the list system." some MPs has already suffered, and there is a strong argument Unless the list system is

adopted, or at any rate can-vassed by the Government in a White Paper, there must be increasing upncertainty whether it will be possible for Mr Callaghan to fulfil his undertaking at the last summit of the Nine to make the 1978 dead-line. France, Denmark and the United Kingdom were the EEC countries in which some difficulty was expected, but the French and the Danes have already shown that where there is a Europeanist will there is

Mr Callaghan would not easily bear the odium of being the Nine's one head of govern-ment who had failed to deliver an undertaking o nihe due date. It is important, because the agreement is that all the nine countries should hace simultaneous direct elections next

If the United Kinedom becomes the obstaclie to direct elections it means that there will be a continuance of nominated delegations in the European Parliament; and in a day of minority government that is a heavy burden at West-

Delegates are repeatedly being flown back from Strasbourg, Luxembourg Brussels to vote in right divi-sions, and the physical strain on MPs who serve a dual man-

Five councils to

The following rate rises have

been fixed or recommended:

raise rates

for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection, said yesterday. The figure has fallen steadily since records were first kept in 1968, when 2,627 people were treated.

With the driver in 10p. Lewisham 59.63p, up 7.16p. Havering 68p up 8p. Enckney 52.2p, up 3p.

and there is a strong argument that the so-called dual mandate should be ended. One of the main objections to the Continental list system

of direct election, of course, is that European MPs in the United Kingdom would have no geographical constituencies, and their loyalty would lie to party managers and patrons rather than to the voters. On the other hand the list system would provide a rough form of propor-tional representation in ac much as each party's national vote would entitle it to a share of the 81 United Kingdom seats in Strasbourg.
No doubt that is part of the

attraction of the system for Mr Steel and the Liberals, who, on a first-past-the-post election, might win only one European The list system would also

remove some of the difficulties of financing direct elections in the United Kingdom. All the groups in the European Parlia-ment will benefit from an allocation of election campaign funds from the parliamentary budget, and the European Commission is to spend a large sum throughout the Nine in a neutral publicity campaign. Beyond that, Westminster Beyond that, Westminster would have to vote money for the running of the election, as in ordinary parliamentary election campaigns and as for the European referendum in June,

#### Two killed in crash

Mr Hugh Keegan, aged 24, and Mr Arthur Deacon, aged 36, both of Middle Blainslie, Galashiels, Borders, were killed yesterday when the car in which they were travelling was in they were travelling was in collision with a lorry on black ice near Earlston.

#### Councils said to be confused about homeless By Penny Symon

The needs of young homeless people are not being met he cause statutory agencies are not clear about their responsibility towards them, according to a report published today by the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless (Char).

The report is published at a time when voluntary agencies trying to relieve the plight of the young homeless have been told by the Government that financial help is not available. It has been made clear to them that the Government does not put that group high on its list of priorities,

The campaign's report, which was financed by the Department of the Environment, says that social service and probation departments were asked to indi-cate the situation in different parts of the country. Replies were received from

only about half and many were evasive. The report says thar the responsibility of social service and probation departments is not clear. They tend to conduties are more well defined. It recommends that young, homeless people should be made the responsibility of local authorities, whose role would be to provide not merely housing but a total service

When cettle prices fell sharply in 1974 the Government including advice on finding accommodation and improving the use made of existing housing stock. That could be done, the report suggests, by council tenants taking in lodgers by using mobile homes and shortlife property, which would pro-vide immediate and cheap

housing and multiple-occupation. Needs and Provisions for Young Single Homeless People (Char. 27 Endell Street, London, WC2; 25p).

Farmers are increasing pressure on the Minister Agriculture to get rid of the 'green pound'

## Putting the blame on Irish beef importarms factor

Agricultural Correspondent

Complaints by British farmers about imports of Irish beef and ominous talk of renewed demonstrations at ports are carefully aimed shots in the campaign for higher agricultural prices. Those who blame Irish beef exporters for keeping down cattle prices in Britain are really stalking a much willer prey. The target is Mr Silkin,

Minister or Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who wants curbs on the support prices that farmers win from the EEC. There are many reasons why beef prices have been static this year instead of rising to their usual spring peak. One is that with British prices of roasting joints at more than £1 a pound shoppers are turning more to pork and bacon than they did in 1976.

Farmers resent Mr Silkin's refusal to bow to pressure from them and the European Commission for devaluation of the green pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling. British farmers are using the Irish tactic because it has served them well before.

refused to invoke support offered by the EEC for fear of producing a British beef
"mountain". Farmers picketed
English and Welsh ports
through which Irish cattle
arrived, the Government supported the beef market and there was no mountain.

The reason for British farmers' use of Irish beef in their campaign about support prices this year must be sought in the complexities of the green

The British Government has kept the green pound un-changed for 15 months so that food prices have been insulated against the increases that would otherwise have come from the fall in the exchange rate for sterling.

The Irish green pound has een devalued twice in the been devalued twice in the past six months. EEC rules say that differences in farm prices between member states must be ironed out by levies and subsidies from Community funds. British farm prices are among the lowest in the Gom-munity, so that the level of compensation paid to EEC suppliers of food to Britain is

when the Irish green pound is devalued support prices to Irish farmers go up; so does the level of compensation to Irish suppliers of beef to Britain. The Irish Livestock and Meat Board said after the January devaluation of the Irish gren pound: This should have the effect of concentrating supplies on the United Kingdom market, at least in the short term."

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Mr R J. Williams, secretary of the Anglesey branch of the Farmers' Union of Wales, said:

"Irish meat is being dumped here at cur-throat prices." Beef sold in Welsh wholesale markets at the start of the year for 51p was now fetching year for 51p was now fetching 46p. The January devaluation left Irish exporters with a total subsidy of more than 91p a pound.

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pound. Farmers say the phantom currency must be devalued so that they will receive more pound notes with which to finance investment and secure parity with other EEC producers in recovery of costs.

The British Covernment has many EEC countries ht in the past year. Like the Irish Republic decline in its beef h cattle exports to Br in January were more quarter below the January, 1976, while enth.

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ly enough, the only leader prepared to Amalrik on his own was M Georges the leader of the Communist Party. his talents as an ned broadcasting perthe full. M Marchais n a polemical telewith Mr Amalrik i only to confirm the convictions

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police (KGB), Mr Amalrik returned to the general area of the presidential palace where he declared that he would embark on a "symbolic hunger strike".

Fearing that his lone demonstration would gather steam, the police brought in reinforcements and sealed off some areas.

ments and sealed off some areas ments and sealed off some areas around the palace while Mr Amalrik met the press about 109 vards away. "As representative of the group for the surveillance of the Helsinki accords, I am determined that my demand to meet the President should be met", he invisited. "This demand has been ted. "This demand has been turned down because M Giscard d'Estaing regards such a meeting as an interference in the affairs of the Soviet Union

Amalcik went to to point out that the rights of man part of international accords signed by both France and the Soviet Union and, as a result, could not be deemed "internal questions". "France is the first country in Europe to have proclaimed the principle of the rights of man", he declared, "and I am convinced that the French people firmly believe in these principles."

Furthermore, with the political pot already simmering in France, M Giscard d'Estaing finds there are few willing to come to his rescue in the dilemma caused by the Amalrik affair. Indeed, it was surprising that the only clear stand in support of his refusal to meet the Soviet dissident came from the Gaullists. In a statement, M Yves Guéna supported the Elysee view that the receive Mr Amalrik would be tanta-

mount to interference in Russia's internal affairs. Having focused attention on himself, Mr Amalrik has not minced his words in his widely quoted public utterances. In a front page interview with the Quotidien de Paris, boldly headlined "J'accuse", Mr Amalrik claimed that the Soviet Union wished to cultivate President Giscard d'Estaing as its "Trojan horse". This was the

ring motorway, into a huge car

This would happen, the

party has explained in reply to the considerable scorn the pro-

posal aroused, only when the overall transport problem had

been solved. The "Peripheri-que" would be roofed over with cars parked on top, a

plan also suggested by the Communist candidate for mayor, M Henri Fizbin, as part

of his campaign against noise.

Meanwhile M Chirac, who
until now has been regarded as
an easy winner in the mayoral



A policeman reaching out to seize Mr Amalrik's placard as the Soviet historian stood outside the Elysée. It reads: "Insist on application of the Helsinki accords."

nev message to the French President last week, he claimed. Although he gave no indica-tion of how long he would pur-sue his campaign in France, Mr Amalrik made it clear that, in any case, it would not stop there. He announced that he

had sent another cable to Herr

Schmidt, the West German

far I have not had any response to this request for a meeting either", he said.

Moscow, Feb 23.-The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia said today that the detention of M Amalrik in Paris today was for "a crude violation of public order". In a brief report, it said Mr Amalrik was held by police outside the Elysée, but it did not tell readers what he Chancellor, similar to that sent it did not tell readers who to M Giscard d'Estaing. "So was doing there.—Reuter.

## Special treatment sought by Poles in EEC fish talks

From Michael Hornsby

Hard on the heels of its successful first round of negotiations with the Soviet Union. the EEC today began talks with Poland which will determine how much fish the Poles will be allowed to catch after March 31 within the 200-mile limits Community has claimed since the beginning of the

For the period up to March 31, the Poles have been granted licences for five boats to fish for mackerel, haddock, halibut and saithe in the North Sea and Atlantic within maximum catch quota of 3,025 tons. According to the Poles, this represents a 90 per cent reduction compared with their rate

of catch last year.

Opening for the EEC today as acting President, Mr John Tomlinson, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, told the Poles that the purpose of the agreement under negotiation was to "enable fishing to be regulated properly" and to "allow time for the necessary adjustments to be made".
This was a euphemistic way of saying that the most Poland

can hope for is a gradually phased withdrawal of its fish-

significance to offer EEC states. and the Atlantic. Unlike the Soviet Union, which has valu-able cod stocks in the Barents Sea, the Poles have no reciprocal fishing of any significance to ofer EEC states.

Speaking for the Polish dele-gation, Mr Jerzy Olszewski, Minister of Foreign Trade and Maritime Economy, complained about the suddenness of the latest EEC measures. He said that Poland had 40 boars suitable for fishing in the North Sea, and 90 per cent of them now faced redundancy.
Pleading for special treat

Polish vessels had been fishing in what were now EEC waters since the 1930s and had acquired traditional rights there. A drastic decline in the Polish fish catch would exacerbate problems of food supply and increase Policy trade deficit with the EEC.

By all accounts, the EEC

reaction to these entreaties was not overly sympathetic. A similarly firm line is likely to b taken with the East Germans when talks open with them on a fishing agreement, possibly next week. The Polish negotiations will continue in Brussels

## Doctors call for medical reprieve in murder case

Seven specialists have been called in consultation to the bedside of Roland Agret, a garage mechanic who was sentenced in 1973 to 15 years in prison for instigating the murder of his employer. He has never ceased to protest his innocence and went on several prolonged hunger strikes to

obtain a retrial. His condition has taken a sharp turn for the worse, and his life is regarded to be in

danger.

The Agret case has been regarded by a number of intellectuals as a possible miscarriage of justice and a committee of or Justice and a committee or support, including several pro-minent writers and journalists, was set up to press his case with the Government. But the last of three successive requests

From Our Own Correspondent for a retrial, submitted by M Agrer's counsel in January of last year, was turned down last October by the Court de Cassation, the highest court of appeal.
Since the middle of March,

M Agret has gone on another hunger strike at the Baumettes prison in Marseilles where he is serving his sentence. He has refused to take any food and been kept alive by artificial

feeding.

Three days ago, the chief medical officer of the prison decided to call in the seven specialists in consultation. At their request, M Agret was transferred to hospital and submitted to a variety of tests. Their verdict was that his condition was "very alarming".

They have forwarded to the President a demand for a medical reprieve".

### Saar party pact strains Bonn

coalition

From Dan van det Vat
Bona, Feb 23
The Free Democrats (FDP),
who share power in Bonn with
the Social Democrats (SPD),
today formed their second
coalition at state level with the
Christian Democrats (CDU).
The agreement betwen CDU
and FDP leaders in Saarland
is the second sign that the is the second sign that the FDP may change partners at federal level in the foreseeable

future. The Saarbrücken legislature has been deadlocked since the last state election in 1975. Then the CDU lost its absolute majority in the 50-seat chamber, winning only 25 mandates. The SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the mediant of the SPD and FDP had committed the special mitted themselves to a coalition in the event of jointly obtaining enough seats, but they too mustered a total of only 25. A serious attempt to resolve the deadlock began only after the federal election in October. Today, after 11 formal rounds of negotiation, agreement was reached. It is subject to approval by the CDU and FDP state party organizations.

Up to now, the CDU minority government has had to rely on "toleration" by the three FDP deputies to be able to rule. The new coalition formalizes this arrangement. The number of Cabinet seats is to go up by one to nine, and the FDP will be given two ministries.

Saarland thus follows the precedent set by Lower Saxony at the turn of the year, when the CDU minority government in Hanover persuaded the FDP to join a coalition.
The Lower Saxony state elec-

tion in 1974 had given the SPD and FDP a joint majority over the CDU of one seat. Although the two parties had agreed on continuing their earlier coalition on obtaining a majority, unidentified defectors in the parliamentary parties saw to it that a CDU prime minister was elected.

The FDP, West Germany's small liberal party, is now facing both ways in state politics. It is in coalition with the SPD in North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse and Hamburg, and with the CDU in Lower Saxony and Saarland. The CDU, now in opposition in Boun, and its Bavarian ally, the Christian Social Union, rule alone in four of the 10 states, while the SPD governs alone in Bremen.

Although the FDP consistently denies that its arrange ments with other parties at state level have anything other than local significance, its new found willingness to join the CDU in state legislatures must be seen as the writing on the wall for the SPD-FDP coalition at federal level, where the Gov-ernment has a majority of only 10. The coalition has now lasted seven years.

### Menten case minister is criticized

The Hagoue, Feb 23

Mr Andreas van Agt, the Dutch Minister of Justice, was strongly criticized in the Dutch Parliament today during a debate on his handling of the case of Pieter Menten, aged 78, the Dutch businessman and art collector extradited by Switzer-land in December and now awaiting trial on war crimes charges.

Mr van Agt was criticized earlier in Parliament when Me Menten disappeared from his country villas hours before his arrest was ordered.

In today's debate the two largest parliamentary parties, the Socialists and the Liberals, announced that they would not insist on a motion of no confi dence. But spokesmen for both parties said they would have thought it logical if the minis-ter had resigned of his own accord.

Mr Menten is expected to go on trial between May and July for war crimes committed in part of Poland which is now part of Poland which is now Soviet territory. A delegation of court and Ministry of Justice officials have just returned from a three-week visit to Russia and Poland after studying the evidence available of the scene of the alleged crimes and questioning witnesses.

Mr Menten is at present in hospital in Holland's to psecurity jail in Scheveningen. He suffers from diabetes and there are fears that he may not live to face trial.

Soviet soldiers and officers and East European diplomats attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Soviet memorial in the

the East German border guard along the 103-mile Berlin border has been increased from 11,000 to 14,000 men. Its equipment has been brought up to modern Warsaw Pact standards and in-

and East Germany, and between the two parts of the city. They are clearly visible from the Sioux, one of the four British helicopters which are soon to be

weather permitting, from about have to take into account At the Soviet memorial in the control of the East German forces and the war fleet have sufficient the past three years along the border. Some repair cient military potential."—AP.

work on the fences goes on and an occasional patrol can be spotted. Berlin, Feb 23.—East German army sappers today began work on a final 100-yard section of the new wall dividing East and The 17,000-ton Danae, from Genoa, will dock at Whampoa and the passengers, including 150 Americans, will be driven by bus 13 miles to Canton, where they will spend two nights. They will be escorted by English-speaking guides from the China Travel Service and their entertainment will include visits to a commune, dancing acrobatics and thearri-

The new higher wall has re-placed the old concrete and cement one built during the 1960s to stop the flow of refugees to the west.—Reuter.
Moscow: Marshal Dimitri
Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, said today that the Soviet Union spent only what is necessary on arms.

In his annual address to mark the Armed Forces Day, he said "Our state is forced to perfect its defence in the face of the permanent military threat" by

"We are spending only what is necessary to supply the Army and the fleet with the modern weaponry the imperialists will

OVERSEAS.

## Refugees say tents in Palestine preferable to misery of Lebanon

From Robert Fisk Beirut, Feb 23 "We have to return to Palestine. I don't want to stay here because everyone is kicking us around. They don't want here." is Mrs Subhea

"Here" is Mrs Subhea Kassen's home at the northern end of the Palestinian refugee camp at Sabra, a place of poverty and teeming refugees on the airport road outside Beirut. It comprises one large Berrut, it comprises one large room without heating or gas or electricity, half the floor space is covered in unmade beds and an old sofz, and the only illustrations on the wall are of the three sons Mrs Kassem lost during the Lebanese civil war. "We want to go back to
Palestine even if it means living in tents", Mrs Kassem says
quickly and loudly. "It's much
better than the sort of life we
are leading here."

She reaches down to the un-derskirt of the sofa to reveal that it rests on bricks. "You can see with your own eyes", she says. "We are sitting on stones. We have no bedrooms.

And if we can get a pound of mear one day for five Lebanese pounds (£1), we thank God if it is only six

thank God if it is only sax pounds on the next day."

It is difficult to know what Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, would have made of Mrs Kassen if he had dropped by at Sabra on his Middle East tour last week. He carefully avoided the road past the camp, but if he had come to Sabra, the Palestine Liberation Openization (PIO) would tion Organization (PLO) would surely have led him to Mrs Kassem's home—she is one of those refugees we whom the PLO regularly takes visitors.

Most of the inhabitants of Sabra—not only those chosen by the PLO but others I

Palestinians, and the Middle

Foreign observers in Amman

believe that any future Pales-tinian state will need close-links

with Jordan. They see the new discussions as a prerequisite to

the setting up of such a state.

Mr Fahoum said last night

that the atmosphere at the meeting had been good, and his delegation would meet Mr Bad-ran again today.

they had studied ways to sup-port Arabs in Israeli-occupied

territory, bolster Arab unity and improve relations between

Jordan and the Palestinians.— Reuter.

**Greek Cypriots** 

Carter envoy

From Our Correspondent

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Nicosia, Feb 23
Mr Clark Clifford, the
United States presidential
envoy, generated opposite feelings among the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities
when he arrived in Nicosia

yesterday on the last leg of his peacemaking tour of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

Most Greek Cypriots welcomed the Clifford mission,

pinning great expectations on President Carter who, in their evaluation, has taken a more pro-Greek stand than his pre-

In contrast, Turkish Cypriots

looked suspiciously at the American involvement. "We

shall be unable to extend the traditional Turkish hospitality

to Mr Clifford during his visit," declared the Turkish

Cypriot newspaper Zaman, published by Mr Rauf Denktash, the son of the Turkish Cypriot leader.

Mr Clifford reiterated on arrival that he was only on a fact, finding tour and was not

fact-finding tour, and was not carrying any plans for a settle-ment of the Cyprus problem.

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Feb 23 For the first time since 1950

a foreign cruise ship will enter Chinese waters on Saturday carrying 300 tourists 30 miles up the Pearl river to Wham-poa, the historic opium port near Canton.

The 17,000-ton Danae, from

dancing, acrobatics and theatri-cal performances and a 16-course Cantonese dinner at a

lakeside restaurant.

Cruise ship

Chinese port

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stopped at random in the muddy streets—talk in a kind of rhetorical political language which would suggest they had been indoctrinated were it not oeen indoctrinated were it not for the fact that 20 years or more of camp life (almoot two of them under constant shell-ing) blunts the kind of human comment that people might have a right to expect in a peaceful town or village.

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Miss Farma Fayad, for in-stance, agreed to talk about Palestine when I walked up to her with my Palestinian guerrilla escort, although she was my choice of interviewee, not the PLO's. She is a dressmaker, aged 32, and lives in a hut-like room with mats on the

"We hope we will be able to go to Palestine", she says, more slowly than Mrs Kassem. "Although Lebanon is our country, everybody would like to go back to their original country. I was born in Palestine, but I came to Lebanon when Iwas four years old."

Mrs Saba Ibrahim lives in better circumstances with her three children and husband on the fourth floor of a tenement near the Sabra mosque. She is more sophisticated, at in the political sense, are probably going to have a peace settlement", she says, "not in the first half of this year, but in the second half. But it is going to be a peace which is not 100 per cent to our liking."

Mrs Ibrahim says her little boy is to become a commando for a new Palestine. Asked if she fears for his life, she replies without hesitating: "It is an honour for me if my son dies for Palestine. It is a priv-

### Mr Arafat warns Arab leaders of Israel threat

From Our Own Correspondent Beirut, Feb 23

The continuing fighting in southern Lebanon between guerrillas and Palestinian ebanese Christians has prompted Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to add his cautious voice to those politicians predicting Israeli military azgression in the region.

In a telegrom to the heads of Arab states today, Mr Arafat asked for protection from "Israeli threats" in the border region where his Fatah guer-rilla fighters are still in action. He said that southern Lebanon should be one of the sub-jects discussed at the forthcom-ing Arab summit conference in Cairo although he is, in reality, far more concerned just now with the political threats to his organization.

The latest of these is the Arab states' attempt to form a federation between the Jordanfederation between the Jordan-ians and Palestinians as the first step towards the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank. It is for this reason that a PLO delegation travelled with the Jordanians about the exact terms of such a consti-tutional link.

Publicly there was much optimism expressed about this meeting and the PLO were given an official reception by the Jordanian Government the moment they reached the bor-der post at Al Ramtha. If the discussions find some common ground, which is almost inevit-able in view of the political and military pressures upon the Pale: unians just now, Mr Amfat is likely to hold personal talks with King Husain in the

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#### **Palestinians** hold talks with Jordan Amman, Feb 23.—A delega-tion of the Palestine Liberation Were gurning for Shary Prices!

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## ronment an issue in s mayoral election

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Gaullists, including some of the party's elder statesmen, who are concerned about his increasingly right-wing image. A straw in the wind is the decision of General de Benouin the twelfth arrondissement. But M Chirac may find some

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consolation from the statement of M Edgar Faure, the President of the National Assembly possible compromise Govern-

put forward much sic proposals. M usel, its president, ir is essential to

rid arms factory was

it owned by nuns About 30 youths belonging to the Warriors of Christ the King used iron bars and bicycle chains today to break up a meeting of striking Madrid University professors, and at least two people were injured.

The youths shouted "Free Sánchez Covisa " and " Free our leader." Students ran from their classes and grabbed bottles from the university cafe to help to beat off the attackers. The police arrived teachers had been several

but they made no beaten, In another development, a spokesman for the Communist Party described the Govern-Party described the Government's decision to refer the party's request for legal recognition to the Supreme Court as "discriminatory and unjustified". He said "any attempt to send the party back to the catacobs" was destined to fail.

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lognoni, aged 23, a
om Italian justice,
iced in his absence The Supreme Court has also been asked to rule on the legality of five other left-wing parties and the Carlists. militants, and some he Italian, police's decision will be made known by the end of March at the latest.

| New Russian

radio jamming 3' inquiry Copenhagen, Feb 23.—The Soviet Union is thought to be Sicily, Feb 23.—A is investigating alleusing a short-wave radio transat doctors and midmitter 20 times more powerful Palermo hospital bribes to find beds in than any previously known to jam western radio communications, it was stated here today. Mr Borge Nielsen, the chief engineer of the Danish post and telegraph service; said he bewards for mothers in zations were made by at the hospital. The telegraph service, said he behas formally warned lieved the transmitter was in rs and six midwives the Ukraine .- Agence France. are under investiga-

## Soviet attack on Nato armaments

From Gretel Spitzer Berlin, Feb 23 General of the Army Jevgeni Ivanovski, commander of Soviet forces in Germany and a member of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, wrote in Neues Deutschland to-day that in view of the situation the Soviet Union was com-pelled to increase its defence potential and the combat power

of its troops.

The situation, he said, was characterized by "feverish militarist preparations of reactionary imperialist circles" and by Nato's speeding up the equipment of its troops with new improved types of arms and technical means of combat.

General Ivanovski's article was published to mark the was published to mark the fifty-ninth anniversary of the

Soviet Army. In West Berlin about 300 British sector.

Warsaw Pact standards and includes amphibious equipment, according to allied sources. It make the East German border force equivalent to a Soviet light mechanized division with an offensive potential.

There are 253 watch towers and observation platforms, 260 dog runs, 66 miles of trenches, 75 miles of fences with warning devices, and 76 miles of concrete patrol roads along the border between West Berlin and East Germany, and between

replaced by the faster and larger Gazelles. One of the British helicopters patrols the border every day, weather permitting, from about West Berlin.

Bank head dismissed Accra, Feb 23.—The Supreme Military Council has dismissed the deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana after delays in settling national oil bills and a subsequent petrol shortage, the Ghana news agency said today.

## Mr Smith plans to open up white farmland for purchase by Rhodesians of any colour

Salisbury, Feb 23

Mr Smith, the Rhodesian the removal of various forms of more so today. racially discriminatroy legisla-

tion.
The most dramatic measure is the proposed opening up of white and some African agricultural land for purchase by people of all races. This significant modification of the controversial Land Tenure Act, of purpose in tackling this viral which divides the country equally between the quarter million whites and six million Africans, strikes at the very heart ofthe ruling Rhodesian Front's policies. However, it is

to safeguard white interests.

In essence, Mr Smith has indicated his Government's belated acceptance of most of the proposals urged last April by the Queper commission after its lengthy inquiry into racial dis-crimination. Several of the most important recommendations, including the opening up of agricultural land to all races, were initially rejected by the Government. One measure proposed by the commission, a reserved.

Although some of the measures to be adopted are relatively dramatic in the white Rhodesian contex, hey are far from radical given he accepance by Mr Smith on September 24, of th eintroduction of

Ostensibly the talks are to

No new peace initiative is

en waiting to hear whether

Britiain and the United States

tions for resuming peace nego-

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African People's Union (Zapu), led by Mr Joshua

the

Union (Zanu) are

present.

based in Mozambique.

expected fro mthe talks. Since

review cooperation between

the two countries, but it seems certain the presidents will turn

their attention to Rhodesia.

majority rule within two years. legislation would be introduced Last April all the African to achieve that and "should nationalist factions dismissed there be any security risk Prime Minister, amounced in the Quenet commission's proment's long awaited plans for will clearly regard them as even mergency regulations."

These provides seem likely to

> In parliament today Mr Smith said the measures "under con-templation" would have "farreaching consequences in the social and economic life of our country". They would afford

question '.

Health facilites and residential areas are to remain segregated, although Mr Smith gave us ambiguous indication that some urban areas—apparently accompanied by various checks
and balances that would appear
to safeguard white interests.

new ones—might eventually be
open to "plural occupation".

The introduction of such areas would be "gradual and unhur-ried" and would be subject to the advice of local municipal authorities.

The land to be opened up for purchase by people of all races will be the 46.5 per cent at present owned by whites and the 3.8 per cent designated as African purchase land. The tribal trust land, accounting for 42 per cent, will remain

return to a common roll for or to ensure that the land was smith today.

Although some of the not be subdivided by allowing Mr Smith said it was essential not be subdivided by allowing squatters. The Government's intention was that agricultural land would continue to be properly utilized, whoever the

Rivalry between the Rhodesian guerrilla

the two organizations could presage an eventual confron-

tation between them.

The meeting between the two presidents takes plice against a background of a con-

dents from Rhodesia to Bors-

are being sent to guerrilla training camps. Well over 1,200 have left Rhodesia since the beginning of the month and

more are crossing the border

craft to ferry them to Zamhia.

One of the aircraft which arrived yesterday carried only

On arrival in Lusaka they

are transported by Zambian

Government lorries to a Zapu

"processing and vetting". The children, some of them still in

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forces likely topic in Zambia talks

While senior British and ing the Zapu and Zanu fight-American officials have been ing groups into one nationalist

American officials have been ing groups into one nationalist meeting in Washington to discuss a possible new initiative on Rhodesia, two of the African "front line" leaders, President Kaunda of Zambia que, Tanzania and Zambia—are and President Machel of Mozambique, are to begin two ideological differences separate the progress.

days of talks tomorrow at a the two groups. They are parti-game lodge in the Luangwa cularly concerned that the National Park north-east of present build-up of forces by

the collapse of Mr E Ivor wana and Zambia, where they Richard's mission last month, the "front line" leaders have training camps. Well over 1,200

Of more immediate concern children arrived in Luxaka to them, particularly to the from Francistown, in northern leaders of Zambia and Mozam. Botswana, during the past

bique, is the intensification of days. The Botswana Govern-the guerrilla war and the ment is using charactered air-

belonging to the Zimbabwe girls, aged between 12 and 18.

Knomo, operate from Zambia, Government lorries to a Zapu while those belonging to Mr camp at Nampundwe, about 40 Mugabe's Zimbabwe African miles west of the capital, for

Recently, the Patriotic Front, their school uniforms, have a loose alliance between the neither baggage nor hand lug-

forces

each day.

The necessary supporting

10-member coordinating com-mittee with the aim of bring-arrive or to visit their camp.

there be any security risk attacked, this will be dealt with

These provisos seem likely to provide checks on the ability of Africans to take over white

farms. Mr Smith said that racial restrictions imposed on hotels and other licensed premises the proprietors right reserve admission.".

Listing, measures being introduced, Mr Smith said that at schools multiracial sports and other social activities were now allowed at the discretion of the school councils and parent teacher associations. and the restrictions on the proportion of African children at private schools to 6 per cent of the total intake had been

He said a change had been made in the ban on Africans patronizing licensed premises in white areas after 7 pm. Asa result proprietors could "seek authority" for licensing hours to be extended for patrons. The Rhodesian leader also listed various measures for the recruitment and training of Africans for the defence and police forces, the judiciary, prison service and railways. One Rhodesian observer said the measures announced were "a good start" in white Rhodesian terms for removing racial discrimination, but they were unlikely to impress the

arrive or to visit their camp.

According to Zapu officials,

they will be kept at the camp until the organization's leaders,

most of whom are still abroad

decide what is to become of

them. Zapu claims that all the children have said they want to be trained as guerrillas, but that some of the younger-ones

may be told to continue with

So far all the children have

been handed over to Zapu.

However, according to nationa-

list sources, some of them claim to be members of Zanu

and are demanding to be taken to Zanu camps in Mozambique.

There were unconfirmed reports that fighting had

broken out between the two factions in the camp.

A meeting is understood to have taken place between Zapu

and Zanu officials last night to

discuss the situation. Zanu is

concerned that all the children

fleeing to Botswana are auto-

matically regarded as Zapu

recruits. Zanu feels that some

of them are being press-gauged pu ranks and

establish a system which would

allow the young recruits to

choose between the two move-

President Kaunda, who has

had past experience of the

deadly infighting between the

nationalist groups, is clearly anxious to avoid a repetition

of the violence that has taken place during the last two years in camps in Mozambique and

Tanzania as well as Zambia.

their studies.



The Duke of Edinburgh shares a joke with the crowd in an Auckland street yesterday.

#### Trust set up to mark royal tour From Our Correspondent

Wellington, Feb 23

The size of the crowds which turned out to greet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, suggests that this Silver Jubi-lee tour will prove even more popular than the previous royal visit in 1972. The royal couple began the second day of the New Zealand visit at Whangarei, in the far north, before flying to Hamilton, south of Auckland, the large provincial centre of Waikato, the rich dairy country.

Crowds crammed every van-tage point as the royal couple strolled through the main street at midday. Extra police were brought in to control the excited crowds but the spon-

Washington, Feb 23

**Fate of Soviet dissidents** 

economic ties with the Soviet international solidarity Union should be made depenthis opposition, particular

From Our Own Correspondent ments will easily break

'depends on West'

Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the

exiled Soviet dissident, told a

human rights committee here today that the fate of recently arrested dissidents in Russia, and of the Helsinki agreement

on détente, depended on the

reaction of Western countries.

He said: "One can say con-

fidently that the Soviet Union

has never intended to observe

the universal human rights

and personal rights, or . . . the

Helsinki agreement. And it

will not observe them unless

Western states and societies

firmly and systematically work towards their fulfilment."

dent upon the observance of civil rights agreements. "It is

clear that a country which

does not fulfil those agree- tries."

Mr Bukovsky said trade and

taneity of the occasion was preserved.

Later the Queen watched three horse races at a meeting nearby and presented the Queen Elizabeth Gold Cup trophy to the representative of the American owner of one of the winning horses, called Good Lord. Back in Auckland tonight

the Queen and the Duke were entertained at a garden party at Government House. The Duke was later the guest speaker at a dinner marking the seventy-fifth convention of the New Zealand Employers

At this dinner Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, announced the setting up of an industrial relations trust to administer scholarships named after Prince Philip. The scholarships will support education training in industrial relations and research. Mr Muldoon said that the cabinet had approved the allocation of £20,000 a year and support was expected from the employers.

He went on to say that the

West must have patience.

"After some attempts which have brought no results, you easily let your arms drop and you despair. The Soviet Union,

knowing the West, certainly banks on such a reaction and,

as recent arrests have shown,

Union also banked on support

from those who argued that the

West should not anger the

"You must understand", he said, "that a new wave of repression in the Soviet Union

but the Soviet Union's fear in

from within the country and

this opposition, particularly in

view of the simultaneous un-precedented rise of opposition

in all the east European coun-

He said that the Soviet

will stick to a hard line.

Soviet leaders.

The Duke spoke of the changing industrial society. He said that there were many examples to show that any sufficiently determined group which was prepared to ignore any negative feedback, could come to dominate a society and deny personal liberty to the majority. Whether this was done for sectional advantage was immaterial. Earlier today Mr Muldoon

announced the establishment of the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee visit. The trust would operate in an environmental area" to ensure that sufficient open space was provided for the needs of New Zealanders.

Mr Muldoon said that the trust's function would be to protect the character of the landscape and scenic values, and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. bership would be available to individuals, private organiza-tions and corporate bodies.

Trudeau-Carter

on cordial note

Washington, Feb 23.-Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime

Minister, said today that his

talks with President Carter had

been "a genuine exchange of

ideas". He found the meeting

extremely congenial and the

On the last day of his two-day visit. Mr Trudeau answered

questions at a press conference.

From the standpoint of

Canada, he said, there was a good start with the Carter

Administration. In the past there had been close relations

between the two countries. Both

President Nixon and President

Ford had been fair and equitable in dealing with Canada. So there was no backlog of prob-

Many of the questions dealt

with the separatist movement in Quebec. Mr Trudeau repeated his belief that Canada will

lems to be solved.

remain united .- AP.

rapport frank and candid.

talks end

## Minnesota From Our Own Correspondent

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 23

General Amir Abdullah Khan

Niazi, now retired from the

Army, was once the most detes-

ted man in the country, but he

regained public sympathy after

spending two years as a prisoner

Pakis:an National Alliance, a

combination of nine opposition

of a politician who was not pre-

pared to sit in opposition after

the 1970 elections, Indeed it was Shaikh Mujib, the Awami

League leader and champion of Bangladesh, not Mr Bhutto, who

won a majority in that election.

General Niazi, who virtually

ruled Dacca in its last 10 months as part of Pakistan, said his suggestions for a political set-

tlement had gone unheeded by

month's elections.

parties.

A Republican has won sweeping victory in a special election for one of the Minne-

populated farming country and the Democratic candidate had worked for Mr Bergland in Washington. His opponent, Mr Arlan Strangeland, is a popular local farmer and voters apparently decided they preferred someone they knew. Strangeland won by 70,000 to 40,000, with most of the votes

The loss is something of a

Mr Bhutto blamed figacy to Si loss of E Pakistan shop fl clared his readiness to f the last bullet and last The Pakistan military combut he had been order mander who signed the surren-Rawalpindi to lay dov der document that ended the Bangladesh war joined the battle today to defeat Mr Bhutto's Government in next

arms. addressed by Begum Wali Khan, wife of the leader. Her husband, president of the or National Awami Party, is

trial before a special co charges of high treason. Meanwhile Air A Asghar Khan, the form of war of the Indians. A crowd of about 100,000 people turned out in Lahore today to hear him speak on behalf of the Force chief with whom ( Niazi has been working recently, said in Kararchi this week that the respo his meetings throughou. country showed that the tan National Alliance ha Without naming Mr Bhutto, General Niazi blamed the loss of East Pakistan on the failure plete sway over public o man who would cling to

arra dell'

If the result announce: the elections on March different from one evid his public meetings, he reject is and would "me situation "

The air marshal prewhen returned to pow release all political pri and hold trials of those w.

## Republican wins in

sota seats in the House of Representatives. The seat be-came vacant when Mr Bob Berland was appointed Secretary of Agriculture by President Carter.
The district is a vast, sparsely-

counted last night.

blow to Vice-President Mondale, a former Senator from Minne-

## Falklands talks 'positive'

Edward Rowlands, Minis State at the Foreign Offic. today his two-day talks. with the Argentine Gover on the future of the Fa Islands were very consur-"They were very good . positive", he added.

Mr Rowlands made his ment as he left the F Ministry for lunch wit -Argentine negotiating : headed by Senor Gualter the Deputy Foreign Mini. . Mr Rowland's visit, which preceded by a five-day to the Falklands, marked the official contact between 1tina and Britain since reduced their diplomatic ... sentation to charge d'a level a year ago.-Reute

## Moscow denial that Swisofficer was a spy

Moscow, Feb 23.-A Soviet Journal denied today that the former head of the Swiss air defence. Brigadier Jean-Louis municate any spy dat-leanmaire, who is accused in Soviet representatives." Jeanmaire, who is accused in Switzerland of spying for Moscow, had ever passed secret information to the Soviet Union. The weekly Literary Gazette

said the Jeanmaire case was part of an international cam paign by the enemies of détente to discredit Soviet policy. It at each other's houses implied that the evidence had been fabricated by the West be so naive as to flown himself. German intelligence service.

Brigadier Jeanmaire, who was

in charge of Swiss air raid protection, was arrested last case. an evil-smelling August He is due to appear. Soviet campaign. If was before a military tribunal accused of passing secret information to Soviet diplomats in

The Literary Gazette a signed Boris Krymov.

"J. L. Jeanmaire did not. The article said Bri Jeanmaire did know a

military attaché in Switzenamed Colonel Deniserke official receptions, in cale at each other's houses. But it asked: "What sp

nexions with foreign in gence? The journal called the

of the links in a chain of si operations which are inspivarious countries by the fu détente ".-Reuter.

### two organizations, established a gage. Journalists have been un-Liberia and Sierra Leone on way to customs union

Sy Simon Scott Plummer per cent in Sierra Leone and Liberia and Sierra Leone are at 11 per cent in Liberia, will be allowed in duty free. Once on the verge of forming a customs union. They have agreed on a common external tariff circulate freely within the for all but two imported items union. and are expected to put it into effect on April 1. Fifteen nations, stretching

from the Atlantic to Lake Chad, signed a treaty on May 28, 1975, which provides for creating a customs union over 15-year period. Liberia and Sierra Leone can be seen as trail blazers for their partners within this grouping, the Economic Community of West African States. Details of the Liberia-Sierra

Leone agreement, are given in the March issue of New African Development. They show that each side had to make concessions. The Government in Freetown was concerned lest it lose substantial customs revenue while Monrovia feared that higher tariffs would alienate the public by forcing up prices.

On sugar the Union Customs Tariff (UCT) will be \$96 (£55) than the prevailing rates in the two countries. The duty on rice, one cent a kilo, lies befering colonial experience and
tween the current levels. Imports of crude oil, taxed at 40

ate to a considerable extent.

the UCT has been paid, im-ported goods will be allowed to The two countries have been unable to reach agreement on motor cars and tomato paste. Duty on cars in Sierra Leone rise to almost 200 per cent whereas Liberia has a flat rate

of 28 per cent. Freetown was unwilling to diminish this source of revenue or to give way on the principle that luxury goods should be heavily taxed. Monrovia did not want to push the cost of imported American cars beyond the pockets of the middle class. On tomato paste, Sierra Leone dared not risk popular discontent by raising customs duty above the present level of 15 per cent (compared with 40 per cent in Liberia). Tomato

paste is widely used by Sierra Legneans as a dressing for rice Although the two countries have small economies and a combined population of only four to five million their joint Tariff (UCT) will be \$96 (£55) activities since they formed a ton and on tobacco, \$1.45 the Mano River Union in 1973 (about 85p) a ton, both greater have set an example for the rest of West Africa. They have shown that countries with dif-

## Fewer US officials will be allowed access to secrets

California Democrat,

Cranston said. He also said that Mr

the inability to keep secrets

deport

Washington, Feb 23.—Presiand discussed at length the actident Carter has ordered a vities of the CIA following the reduction from 40 to five in the reports about payments to number of officials with access various foreign leaders.

In the past, Congress has complained that Presidents have used the question of leaks to the press as an excuse for with-holding important information. holding important information.
Jordan has rejected the reports of payments to king Husain, saying they contained incorrect information aimed at distorting Jordan's reputation and that of its leadership. President Perez of Venezuela and the former Presidents of Mexico and Chile Segor Luis Mexico and Chile, Senor Luis Echeverria and Señor Eduardo Frei, yesterday denied reports that they had received pay-

The former West German Chancellor, Herr Willy Brandt, has also denied receiving CIA money and has written to President Carter asking for an investigation.—Reuter.

#### **Crippled British** yacht heads for Fremantle

The crews are trying to fol-low Captain James Cook's route to Australia, despite damage to the 69ft yacht. Mr Gordon Cook, the skipper, in a radio Walker was badly damaged and capsized after being struck by freak wave on January 2. He and two other crew mem-bers, Mr Laurie Bigil, aged 24, an American, and Mr Hecbert Sailor, aged 25, a Briton, made temporary repairs and left for

#### Prisoner sought

Agana, Guam, Feb 23.— Police are hunting an escaped

### Mr Carter seems determined to strengthen the power of the Federal Government

## **US Budget shows policy change**

From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 23

The Carter Administration's 1978 Budger proposals offer the first broad and significant guide to the distinct policy changes now being planned in Washington. The proposals may clarify the real differences between the Ford and Carter administrations, after an election campaign that emphasized contrasts of personality rather than policy. President Carter, judging from his Budget plans, has more faith than his predecessor in the Government's ability to manage vast programmes efficiently. He seems determined to strengthen the Government rather than share more power with state and local authorities. He is not concerned about weakening the free enterprise system by initiating government involvement in areas traditionally left to the private sector.

President Ford had sought.

to strengthen state and local government vis-a-vis Washington. He proposed the scrapping of many federal transportation, education, housing and health

ment with block cash grants to municipal governments. Presi-dent Carter's Budget calls for the maintenance, and in some cases the expansion, of these fetleral programmes and for the rejection of his predeces-sor's block grant concept.

Mr Ford was more concerned with the effects of inflation on middle-income earners than on the plight of the poor. He advocated tax cuts that would have bolstered the real incomes of the middle classes, but would have done little for those on low incomes, whose gains would have been largely offset by social security tax increases.

President Carter has rejected the proposal to raise social security taxes. He has pro-posed broad tax cuts for all, and special cash payments principally benefiting those on low incomes. These have been designed so that benefits will also be provided for those too poor to pay income tax. Mr Ford fervently believed

that many domestic social assistance programmes were wasteful. He betrayed a lack of

American society with proposals to reduce domestic assist ance programmes sharply and to veto legislation to expand these programmes. He believed that the programmes enabled people to cheat the Government, to avoid full-time employment and to prosper

employment and to from government payments.

President Carter rejects budget views. His Budget these views. His Budget expands programmes that aid the unemployed, while increasing spending to support a comprehensive child nutrition programme, extended benefits to students and armed services veterans, and health care for the poor and the aged. Mr Ford did little more than pay lip service to the growing

demands for improved govern ment efforts in the area of tration's concern is evident from its Budget proposals to increase appropriations to the civil rights division of the Department of Justice and

from its plan to establish a task-force to find ways to reduce sexual discrimination. The changes in policy are of substance and not just style.

#### President's sol 'chosen as his successor

Tokyo, Feb 23.—North has chosen Mr Kim Cho eldest son of President k. Sung, as his father's ev successor, the Japanese agency Kyodo reported to the first quoted Korean source of the first state of the first source of the recently by the political amittee of the (North) Kath tee of the (North) Karlon Morkers Party.

The sources said a supposain the sourcement would present the sixty and the source of President Response on April 15. or at a term of the source of the sour

Sung on April 15, or at a te com convention expected late. year.—Reuter.

## Japanese satellite

Tanegashima, Japan, Tree Carros 23.—Japan roday launch and carros and carros

#### Rabies kills 20 Das es Salaam, Feb

Twenty people bave di-rabies in the Shinyanga of north central Tanzania September, officials said . They said a total of 359 had been bitten by rabid

## End of censorship boosts Indian press sales:

sales in India have boomed since the announcement of the general election last month and the lifting of press censorship.

The Indian Express has reported sales of its Deiai ediron more than doubled to 175,000 and is still going up at a rate of 5,000 copies a day. Its owner, Mr Ram Narh Goenka, who supports the opposition parties and is a per-sonal friend of Mr Jeyaprakush Narayan, one of their leaders, fought a long batrle last year to prevent the Government from taking control of his

A spokesman said that the

total circulation of the Indian Express, which publishes in eight ciries throughout the country, had increased from one million to 1,400,000 copies since January 18, when Mrs India Gandhi, the Prime Minister, announced the elec-

The Statesman, which also successfully fought off Govern ment pressures during the 18 months of censorship, has increased its sales in Delhi by half to about 50,000. Its main Calcutta edition has a circulation of close to 200,000.

The only newspaper to admit a fall in circulation is the staunchly pro-Government Hindustan Times, which sells

over most of northern India since the election of the the elec

Both the Statesman and the

Indian Express reported a higher demand for their newspapers than they could readily

Much of the increased circulation may be only temporary." Indians like to read two newspapers when something exciting is happening", one newspaner ed for said.
The Times of India said that its circulation had risen by

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## ministries in Tokyo. They included members of the opposition Japan Socialist

Party, the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan, and the Jayan Congress against Atomic .... Hydrogen Bombs. The Musu was completed in 1972 but developed a radiation leak u ring its first test cruise in the Pacific.-Reuter.

#### Tokyo call to scrap atom ship leave China Tokyo, Feb 23.—Several Peking, Feb 23.-The latest

hundred demonstrators demanding that the 8,214-ton Mutsu, Japan's only nuclear-powered ship should be scrapped, protelled today outside several said here today. Mr Leonid Hyichev, a deputy

## Soviet envoy to

round of Sine-Soviet border talks, which began in Peking last November, appears to have made little headway towards solving the dispute, sources

Foreign Minister and Soviet chief negotiator, is due to return to Moscow later this week to accompany President Podgorny on a journey to Africa. The Chinese authorities were said to regard the latest Soviet proposals as containing nothing new .- Agence France-Presse.

to highly sensitive intelligence information.

Mr Carter's action followed press reports last week that the Central Intelligence Agency paid millions of dollars to King Husain of Jordan and other foreign leaders over several years, Senator Alan Cranston, a reporters yesterday after congressional leaders met the President at the White House.

The President also expressed concern that seven committees n Congress received sensitive intelligence data. He discussed the possibility of cutting this number but did not directly ask that this be done, Senator

was concerned about

### Australians to Mafia informer From Our Correspondent

Melbourne, Feb 23 Vincent Teresa, a forme Vincent Teress, a former Mafia leader who turned FBI informer, is to be deported from Australia when the police find him, Mrs Margaret Guilfoyle, Minister of Social Security, told Parliament today. She said he did not give details of his criminal past when he obtained a visa in San Francisco last month. cisço last month.

Mr Teresa, known as Biz Vinnie, arrived in Sydney on Monday to give evidence be-fore an independent inquiry into gambling in New South Wales and appeared on television to state a case against legalizing casinos. Mr Neville Wran, Premier of New South Wales, told the state prliament yesterday that Mr Teresa had entered Austraiia using the names "Fontana" and "Santan". Mr Teresa com-plained afterwards that the Pre-mier had jeopardized his

had jeopardized

safety in revealing his identity.

Tre Mafia had put a price of \$500,000 (nearly £300,000) on his head.

## Perth, Feb 23.-The three

man crew of the British schooner Wave Walker are manning the pumps 24 hours a day in their crippled yacht as it moves down the Australian coast towards Freemantle.

contact today said the Wave Fremantle early last month.—

prisoner who in two weeks of freedom has exchanged shots with them in the streets and forced three motorists at gun-point to give him lifts.

# Mr Bhutton RLIAMENT, February 23, 1977\_

# m the shop floor tors of industry was rightly the cause for concern. Worker participation at hoard level was not new to Western Europe. Most Countries had arrangements of one sort or another. Within the Community only Britain, Italy and Ireland had none. There was in the Gorenment's view a well established movement in Western Lurope where worker participation on boards was seen as a natural and genuine extension of democratic principles into industrial management and as a logical part of the evolution of the mixed economy. A great deal of concern had been

A great deal of concern had been

expressed in many quarters about the proposals in the Bullock majority report for the involve-ment of trade unions in the process

of triggering the move to the

appointment of worker directors.

Under the proposals it was for the union to trigger off the procedure and settle the arrangements for selecting the worker directors. This had been widely criticized on

the ground that it added greatly to the power of the unions and seemed to exclude employees who were not union members.

that there was genuine and deeply felt anxiety about the Bullock

majority proposals in respect of the role of trade unions in indus-

basis of agreement and consensus

and to adapt and build on to exist-ing practices and procedures where possible, they recognized that this was an area which would need careful thought.

It would figure largely in the

The underlying aim was to estab-lish the right in law for employees to have representation at board

This was not to say that they must seek to impose a rigid organ-izational framework on all major

companies regardless of their cir-cumstances or the particular field in which they operated. In many cases management and workers

would initiate sensible and practi-cal arrangements without the need

to have recourse to the legal provi

sions. The Government were con-vioced that this would not happen quickly or widely enough unless the right was written into the law.

They wanted to see provisions enacted based if possible on the broad agreement of both sides of

Viscount Watkinson (C), President

of the CBI, said his view of the Bullock report was one of intense

disappointment. A year had been wasted and the report had got it totally wrong in practical terms. This was why they had no option

but to tell the Government that it was the view of their membership that they could not even discuss,

much less cooperate in, the imposi-tion by law of trade union-nominated directors on to com-pany boards, or parity of repre-sentation between shareholder and trade union-nominated directors.

or a trade union monopoly of choosing the worker directors through the so-called joint representation committee. Even the report concluded that these three

rocesses would lead to friction, lifficulty and conflict within the

The CBI felt that the report

side. A proper structure of partici-

pation or partnership in industry had to start from the bottom.

practical proposals for employee participation set out in the CBI policy document The Road to Re-

covery, containing legal backing enabling companies, large and small, to set up whatever methods

of working together met their own

of working together met their own particular circumstances, first at shop floor level and then up through the company.

The system should be flexible enough to enable each company to take the path it believed best suited the needs of its employees and its managers. They did not shirk the possibility of legislation, nor did they oppose the concept of employee directors. The appointment of employee directors would spring from a successful infrastruc-

ment or employee directors would spring from a successful infrastructure of partnership below board level based on participation agreements which every company employing over 2,000 people would have to sign.

I cannot understand (he said) why the Covernment are not will-

why the Government are not will-ing to try to develop this kind of real industrial partnership as

real industrial partnership as opposed to the disruptive confrontation that would inevitably arise from the endeavour to impose the system on a main board, and then force it down through the company

as a whole.

We are willing to work hard to develop a broader concept of industrial partnership because we believe it has much to contribute, not only to the efficiency of British industry, but to the wider job satisfaction of all those who work in British industry.

We have wasted a vest on Bullock for us now put this aside and

said Government policy shruld be as far as possible to nave the minimum amount of legislation to deal mainly with company law and the obligation of employers to negotiate.

The Government should study

industry

The Government acknowledged

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years the international e of days lost through one in which Britain

### Scots and Cornish in mackerel dispute

A complaint was made during A complaint was made dirring question time by Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat) that Scottish fisbermen had had "appailing" fines levied on them in Cornwall where, he added, a local lishing officer had said he was "out to get the Scots"... Mr David Penhaligon (T. 100, 1.) had asked if the Secretary of State for Scotland was satisfied with the development of the Scottish mackerel industry.

Mr Hugh Brown, Under Secretary, Scottish Office (Glasgow, Provan, Lab)—Last year there were sub-stantial increases both in landings and in first-hand sales for human consumption. It is too early to make a firm statement about 1977. Mr Penhaligon—Gross ever-fishing off the coast by Scottish boats has occurred. Industrial techniques could lead to bankruprey of the Cornish mackerel industry as it has led to the bankruptcy of the Scot-tish herring industry. Has be any powers to deal with this and would he use them? Mr Brown-I have always been told that Scottish fishermen are paragons of virtue and do not engage in illegal practices. engage in illegal practices. (Laughter.) But apart from recent prosecu-

tions, which include other than Scottish boats, there is no reason why boats should not fish legaly for mackerel in the permitted Itmits.

This is under consideration in regard to future quotas. We wish to conserve stocks of mackerel, now becoming increasingly popular

Mr Henderson-I agree on conser-

consultations now going on on both sides of industry and the Government would do their best to reach agreement on the basis of sensible arrangements which would command widespread support. Mr. Henderson—I agree on conservation. But has he studied the case last week when some of my consutuents were in court in Cornautuents were in court in Cornautients on the appalling fines levied on them there?

One of the magistrates had already provisionally indicated a professor before the magistrates. preference before the case and a court he was out to get the Scots.

Mr Brown—I am not surprised at this further expression of his inflammatory anti-English remarks.

I regret any fishermen being found fishing illegally, Scottish or not. But it does no service to the fishing industry of this country if MPs will not oppose illegal fishing. Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—Does not this epi-sode prove that the wellbeing of the United Kingdom fishing in-dustry is a matter for the United Kingdom and that Scots. Irish, English and Welsh have a common interest in parting a successful fish.

interest in getting a successful fishing policy? Mr Brown-Yes, there will be Increasing pressure on species and stocks of mackerel simply because of the pressure or reduction of stocks of other species.

Mr Edward Taylor, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Scotland (Glas-gow, Cathcart, C)—Such instances could become more frequent unless we can get a solution on exclusive limits. Has he anything new to report on this and is there hope for d conclusion in the discussions with the EEC soon? With the EEC soon?

Mr Brown—It is asking the impossible to ask him to give this Government any credit for anything. We have made considerable progress in the EEC in conservation measures. He should welcome that because it is the basis of our policy.

Scot Lab)—Is it the Government's view of morality that one can argue for protection of Scottish inshore fishermen and deny the sar protection to the Cornish fishermen?

Mr Brown—That is philosophical and I am unsure what he means. There are unique circumstances about the method of fishing by people in Cornwall. I would like to see these preserved and it is not inconsistent with sound conservation measures outside the limits.

or state for scottain, said.

Mr Thomas Galbraith (Glasgow, Hillhead, C)—Considerable public concern exists about the possible health hazards resulting from such

## Reform of electoral system seen as means of improving nation's economic performance

that a great deal of what was wrong with Britain lay in its method of government, Mr John Pardoe (North Coruwall, L) said in maintaining that the two party sys-tem was breaking up. The United Kingdom's poor economic perfor-mance and the electoral system were intricately bound up. were intricately bound up.

Mr Pardoe moved: "That this House believes that Great Britain's economic performance is gravely hindered by a system of government which grants majority power to alternating minority parties; and calls for the reform of the voting system so that Parliament can represent and give effect to the wishes of the people". He said that it was appropriate that the subject should be chosen for debate in the aftermath of last night's great victory. The vore should be seen as that, rather than as a Government defeat by parliamentarians. If the reform he proas a Government detect by lating mentarians. If the reform he proposed were to be implemented, last right's vote and the victory for parliamentary democracy would become the natural order of things.

There might be many reasons for There might be many reasons for supporting electoral reform. The first was that it would do the Liberal Party a favour. Had the proportional representation system been in operation at the last general election and bad the votes been cast in the same proportion as they were then, there would be approximately 117 Liberal MPs.

The second reason for advarting PR was that it would be more fair. This was something the British public understood. tish public understood.

fish public understood.

The two party system was breaking up. The first-past-the-post electoral system might have been appropriate as long as the two major parties dominated, but from a high point in 1951 when the two parties polled 27,500,000 votes, or 79,9 per cent of the electorate, support had dropped to 22,700,000 votes, or 59,9 per cent in 1974. The two main parties hoped the trend would not continue and that the would not continue and that the third force would collapse, but there was no evidence of that. It is a case (he said) of the two party system being dead but it

wont lay down.

The main reason for electoral reform, however, was the essential link between poor economic per-formance and the electoral system. The link might not appear direct or close but under the present system the winner took all and the system the wither took all and the loser played no part but to criticize. There was an inbuilt temptation to generate disagreement and tension where they did not exist, particularly in the industrial field. Extremists in both parties were

encouraged. Government was con-ducted by a series of lurches from one policy to another as the two main parties alternated. The results had been seen on investment incentives, taxation, regional investment, pensions and local government reform.

The success of the Government's industrial strategy depended on a consistent policy being followed. Unless they could convince indus-

Unless they could convince industrialists and potential investors that their policies were here to stay, along with their taxation policies, they would not get the investors. ment they so much desired.

Our poor economic performance and our electoral system are (he said) intricately bound up. Even if the Conservative leader (Mrs Thatcher) hoped to obtain an

industrialists needed long-term planning.

Will the Tories (he asked) get the investment? They did not last time. The reason is clear, Unless the Conservative Party faces the possibility that Britain will become a one party state, industrialists, landlords and others will have to think in terms of the alternative that will follow them. As long as this system lasts, the alternative may be simply switching back to the old style socialism, perhaps

Assurance on nuclear waste

In any case regarding the granting of planning permission for the storage of nuclear waste, the planning authority would wish to be assured—as he would if he were to call the case in—that the nature and scale of the proposals were acceptable and in particular that the waste would be stored safely and without harming the environment, Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said.

It is essential for the environment if we are to continue with the nuclear programme and even on

present.

The system would not be changed in the House, because MPs would suffer from the result of the introduction of proportional representation. If there were going to be 116 Liberal MPs then there would be 50 to 60 less Labour MPs.

Each Labour and Tory MP (he said) will have the unhappy question mark over his head "Is it I", so they are not going to support

It would have to be done by milimut democrats. There was a breakthrough point for the Liberal Party—between 23 and 28 per cent of the electorate, around seven million milimut democrats, voting in the areas elections at it they were million militant democrats, voting in the next election as if they were casting a vote in a referendum for PR and recognizing that the only way, in the absence of a referendum, was by a vote for the Liberals. They would force the two party system to its knees, break the adversarial habit and get on with a different system of government in Britain.

Mr John Rathbone (Lewes, C) said it would be misleading to the country to think that a wave of a constitutional reforming wand would dispet the economic problems. But choice at the hustings was no choice at all if it was not reflected in a greenment which was no choice at all if it was not reflected in a government which represented reasonably accurately the outcome.

There must be reform at the core of Parliament which required reform in the electoral system, substituting for the present first-past-the-post system, which led to recently be core to the present of the present for the

inequitable and undestrable repre sentation, a more proportional sys-tem through which the innate good sense of the people could be re-flected in the composition and the actions of the government.

actions of the government.

He urged this because his party prided itself justifiably on being a party of the constitution. Ultimately, only a government supported by the majority of the country through a more proportionally representative system could protect people from the one party state which could easily be the outcome of a successful conthe outcome of a successful conright or far left wing forces out-side the parliamentary system. Mr Reginald Prentice (Newham, North-East, Lab) said the rigidity of the British parliamentary system in the last 30 years had meant that the three main parties had become much more detached from the body of the electorate. Distillusionment with party poli-

cics had grown rapidly especially in the last decade or so. These days there were many more genuine doubtfuls among the electorate, people who cared about the future of their country but did not see existing policies and the existing system of government as providing any answer to the problems about which they were approved. which they were worried.

He would refer to the selection of candidates and within that the deselection of sitting members. He

declared an interest. If he referred to the unhappy history of Newham North-East, he did so only in order North-East, he did so only in order to make a point relevant to the debate, not to weep on anyone's shoulder.

At the last general election he was opposed by an extreme left wing socialist, Miss Vanessa Redgrave, who ran under the banner of the Workers' Revolutionary

(Mrs Thatther) hoped to obtain an overall majority at the next eight tion, that would not solve the problem. The Tory Party document The Right Approach said a settled approach over a long hanl, perhaps a 10-year period, was necessary on the road to recovery. The investment cycle was lengthening and industrialists needed long-term planning.

Tories (he asked) get obtain an or me to the next eight party.

All credit to her (he said) for trunking under her own banner and overs. I got nearly 23,000. That was a the verdict of the electroate. I work the way in which we do things in Britain, the proposition of people who at the moment have a majority in my local general matagement committee is that the notitics of Vanessa Redgrave politics of Vanessa Redgrave should be imposed on the people of Newham by the backdoor. of Newham by the backdoor.

This I believe to be an extreme but not unique lilustration of the way in which our present system enables not merely minorities to govern this country but tiny minorities within those minorities to exercise a disproportionate influence.

as the safety angle, will be take

into consideration the views of the local inhabitants affected and in

particular the structure plans which have been drawn up with such effort in those areas?

Mr Millan—I have to have regard to all these matters. In the case of controversy over Orkney I should not say any more at the moment because, in certain circumstances,

I might have a quasi-judicial plan-ning function to carry out. All the matters caised by MPs will be taken fully into account.

Mr Hector Monro (Dumfries, C)~

I am glad he has given this reassuring statement to the people of Scotland in relation to test boring for nuclear waste. Would he bring home to the Hull laboratory that

they must stop prospecting and carrying out boring operations without planning permission in the

without appearing to prejudge the issue that may ultimately come

near future?

situency party and within Hayes and Harlington (where Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour is MP) and some other cases was the influx of people who rather than run under some other cases was not ununder their own colours joined the Labour Party because they believed they could have more power that way than if they were to face the electorate under their own colours. own colours.

The system of adversary politics dominated by the two main parties led to an auction at election time which was profoundly unhealthy for democracy. The constant repe-tition of election promises which were not fulfilled led to the grow-ing disenchantment with the whole

Our system (he said) prevents a degree of continuity in policy which we must have in view of our desperate economic situation. desperate economic situation.
What is unfortunate about our
present system is that we seem to
feel a compulsion to exaggerate feel a compulsion to exaggerate our differences, to have a parliamentary row about three times a week, to pretend to have differences that do not really exist.

That was translated into the manifestos and translated into a situation where an incoming government felt bound to rear up much of the structure they inherited, tried to start again and then a couple of years later did a U-turn. If there had been a commonly accepted policy, a continu-

monly accepted policy, a continuing approach to prices and incomes policy in the last 12 to 14 years, they would still have had a degree of inflation but he was consinced they would not have had as much inflation as they had had.

What happened in the House last night should give them some rea-son for satisfaction. It was a vicson for satisfaction. It was a vic-tory for Parliament.

In the "No" lobby last night (he said) were members of all parties, except the nationalist parties, and we were emphasizing the point which is too often for-gotten under our present system— that no covernment in this country that no government in this country can govern without the consent of Parliament. In doing so, we were striking a blow for Parliament and

democracy.

Whether or not we have fundamental reforms in our constitution one thing that every MP can resolve from now on is that there will be more occasions like last night in which MPs judge issues on their merits and do not simply do what the party whips told them. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-

ton, Lab)—Many of us over the years, certainly I have, have judged issues on their merits and they have been regarded—I have as left-wing extremists, rebels wanting to rock the boat and so. Mr Prentice cannot have it both Many of the people in the lobby

many or me people in me topoy last night do not share his views one lots on any other issue except perhaps this one in relation to devolution.

Mr Prentice said he and Mr Heffer had had many strong disagree-ments, sometimes on policy issues.

I have always respected (he said) the way in which he has stood by his principles. In so far as he has sometimes rocked the boat, be is perfectly entitled to rock the host. People thoughout the policy boat. People throughout the political spectrum should do that.

Some people on the left wing of the Labour Party—and I do not include Mr Heffer—apply double standards in this. It is all right for the left wing to say exactly what they like and make as many vigorous attacks on the moderates in the Labour Party. If the moderate part of the Labour Party does the same thing, that is called rocking the boat.

He did not believe that the party system should be abandoned, but the House should not go as far as the American Congress. There was the American Congress. There was a lot to be said for party cohesion a great deal of the time.

Democracy would be healthier if there were more free votes, more occasions on which people could either abstain or vote against their party because of the merits of a particular issue. If the Government of the day had to wid the argument in Parliament and had to convince MPs instead of taking them for

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would be better.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L.) said Liberals had been asked if they really thought that if they changed the electoral system different decisions might be taken in the board rooms, His answer was that he did. People did not invest in this country because there was lack of continuity.

There was a majority in this country for certain guidelines. Business in West Germany knew that there might be a change of government but there were accepted guidelines and certain rates of tax upon which investment decisions could probably be bised. This was the continuity which the PR system would give, not because there would be parched-up coalitions but because there was probably a majority in this country for moderation. Sir David Renton, for the Opposi-

Sir David Renton, for the Opposition (Huntingdonshire, C), said
the best way they could make sure
that the party with the majority of
seats in the House had the support
of the majority of the people, was
to have only two parties. This
could be achieved by the Liberals
doing what he and some of his
colleagues had done—joining the
Conservative Party.
The Conservative Party had open
mind in reform of the voting system and was not unsympathetic to
further consideration of the matter further consideration of the matter

on an all-party basis.

We expect to win the next general election decisively the sam inder the present system of first-past-the-post and in doing so, we Speaker's conference so that the matter can be considered fully Mar Bryomor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab), said reform of government was not solely a matter of remedying the voting system. It would not be anything other than seriously disllusioning if people were led to believe that reform of the voting system would lead to reform of every other facet of life.

There was a danger of denigrat-

every other racet of the.

There was a danger of denigrating the present system too much.

He knew it had imperfections but it had proved to be resilient and admired.

adaptive.

The single transférable vote system, beloved of the Liberal Party, would lead to large multi-member constituencies. It would leasen greatly the geographical connexion which most constituencies had with their MPs. Because it would have a number of members there would no longer be an individual with whom an electorate had a connex-

of certainty about its government.

The probable result of proportional representation would be a coalition government, which would lead to a number of ills, among them the negotiation over portfo-lios and the blurring of respon-sibility which an electorate had put upon a government.

It would lead to the country not getting the measures it needed.

What would be seen in a coalition

government would not be the measures which the country needed but the measures that everybody could agree upon in the coalition. They were likely to be the lowest common denominator and the coalition government would proceed on the basis of its The quality of the vote would be diminished. If people voted for a candidate because of a policy or a combination of policies he espoused, and if a coalition was

esponsed, and it a common was entered into, the reason why an electorate voted for a party might be abandoned not because of the ballot box but because of the nego-tiations for compromise. It ballot box but because of the negotiations for compromise. It would not be amenable to the test of the ballot box but would be susceptible to abundonment in negotiations in a back room to form a government.

The motion was wrong in its premise, deficient in its logic and misleading in its conclusion. It was because the motion might be represented as yet one more conjurer's illusion—in that if one thing was changed everything else would follow—that it would not be helpful.

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### Liberals accused of ratting on pledges

If and when the devolution Bill is enacted the authority of the Secretary of State for Scotland would be reduced and that would be reflected in a reduction in the number of civil servants. There would probably be a reduction in the number of of Scottish Office ministers as well, Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said. He added that in the vote on the guillotine the previous night the Liberals had ratted on their election pledges.

Mr Alexander Fletcher, an Opposit

Mr Alexander Fletcher, an Opposi-tion spokesman on Scotland (Edin-burgh, North, C), had asked, Which ministerial posts in the Scottish Office would no longer be required if the Scotland and Wales Bill was enacted and a Scottish Assembly established, and what functions were attached to them. Bir Millan (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab)—The number of ministerial posts in the Scottish Office, as elsewhere, is a matter for the

Mr Fletcher—Does he agree that with eight ministers in the Scottiste Office Scotland flas a greater direct involvement in Government than nvolvement in Government than any other part of the United Kingdom and after last night's vote does he not think he should reconsider that if there is an assembly in Edinburgh Scotland's influence and Involvement in the United Kingdom Government is bound to be contacted dimental. be seriously diminished?

Mr Millan—No. I do not accept that. There are only six ministerial posts, not eight. The law officers are not part of the Scottish Office. There is not likely to be an increase and there may be a reduction.

tion.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Many people in favour of devolution in Scotland are concerned about the increase in the number of politicians and civil servants foreshadowed in the Bill and unless there is a reduction. in their powers and scope and in his own position, then devolution is not genuine but a sham. Mr Millan—There will be a considerable reduction, when the Bill is enacted, in the responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Scotland and that will be reflected in terms of the number of civil servants there and no doubt in terms of the number of ministers who will remain as Scottish Office minisreally a matter for me.

As to last night's vote, one of the most interesting features of it was the way the Liberal Party rafted on their pledges.

Mr Norman Buchan (West Ren-frewshire, Lab)—It seems a curious position for the Liberal: Party to try to justify their cherp and unprincipled behaviour last night on the basis of the number of ministers who may be all we ministers who may be talked about

ministers who may be talked about in a question.

Is it not stranger than the argument they put forward yesterday which was they wanted a concession on proportional representation, which was advanced and defeated in the House. Are they not slightly mixed up?

Mr Millan—I think rather more than slightly. The impression I had yesterday was Mr Steel, and his friends, for whatever reasons seemed to be sensible to them, but obscure to the rest of us, was arxious to betray his election pledges. I just do not understand why he did it.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat)—The House is anxiously awaiting a further statement of definition of the Government's intentions in relation to the devolu-

tion Bill.

Will be give a pledge, in view of his support for the Bill, and as it was in his party's mamfesto that, he will personally vacate his own office as Secretary of State as a matter of principle if the Government abandon this measure? Mr Milan-No, We are not invit-ing applications for the job of Mr Millan—No. We are not inviting applications for the job of
Secretary of State quite yet.
On the other matter of a general
statement, Mr Foot, the Lord
President of the Council, made it
clear last night that we will coutinue with the Bill tomorrow when
there is a day's debate ahead of us.
I am sure, Mr Wilson, like the rest
of us, are looking forward to that.

#### Complaint rejected

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that an article in the New-castic Journal about which complaint had been made vesterday did not raise such issues as would justify him in allowing a motion about it precedence over the orders of the day. Yesterday Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunderland, South, Lab) said the Newcastle Journal carried a report headed "Jobs hint may swing vital vote" which raised a possible breach of privilege. The article said that hints of jobs for North-East MPs who backed down and supported the guillotine motion had put the outcome of the vote on a knife edge. Mr Bagier said that he denied the truth of the report. Parliamentary notices

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committee siege.

### beaith hazards resulting from such storage. In order to set at rest public auxiety on this matter, could he give an indication of the criteria that will guide him in allowing planning permission for storage and allowing planning permission for storage and allowing planning permission for prospecting for possible sites? M. Millan (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab)—The latter is a matter for the local authority and not me, as are all planning matters—unless I call them in—for the local authority concerned, It is not for me to intervene unless that is necessary. On safety and other aspects, I would refer him to the answer I gave on February 10 indicating the particular statutory provision under which I as Secretary of State operate Mr Milian—In this case the local authority has taken the view, which I understand, that at an ock. Let us now put this aside and try to find a practical, workable solution built up from the shop floor and fully involving the management and employees. moment is something which is being done with EEC cooperation. We approach this with the inten-tion of having the most rigorous which I understand, that at an earlier point there was some dispute about whether planning permission was required. That is now what is happening. In some of these matters involving individual applications, it is difficult for me to say anything without appearing to precise the standards of safety. Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shet-Lord Cooper of Stockton Heath

Am Jo Grimon (orange and suctional, L)—In this matter and in the related question of uranium mining, his assurance that he will have the greatest concern for the environment is welcome. As well

nent if we are to continue with the nuclear programme, and even on the basis of the existing programme, that we must find a long-term solution to the problem of nuclear waste. It is in everybody's

interests that we find it.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—Is he in a position to say anything about the discussions the Government have had with the European Community on this difficult issue 2

cult issue?
Mr Millan—The particular exploration programme affecting the south of Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom at the

## (C) asked whether the cagreed that the time ome for the Commonte Ministers to consider ion of Uganda's memitie Commonwealth he return of that Ministers of the other

alth countries at the owy-Roberts, Minister Foreign and Common-airs—I understand the logs aroused by recent m Uganda and I share is however, a delicate i far-reaching impli-would need careful con-

-It is a question of and not expulsion from sonwealth and it is the government and not of Uganda. mmonwealth which conle of all colours and ry religion, is the ideal which to expose revent ganda for what they are istrate by this means at merely Christians and e who regard the events

House and expressed by the Prime only institution which can still give to its members the sense of soli-Lord Goronwy-Roberts--Yes, I appreciate those points and in particular that this affects not only Christians, but people of good faith everywhere. By definition the Commonwealth By definition the Commonwealth as an international association of people of all religious and many languages and colours, could be the right forum for deciding issues of this kind. It could also be a forum where new and agrasive feelings might be aroused with the best of intentions.

best of intentions.
This is what the Prime Minister
meant when he spoke yesterday
that what Lord Elton has suggested Lord Fletcher (Lab)-Whatever is Loru Fletcher (Lab) - Whatever is done about the suspension of Uganda's membership of the Commonwealth, the threatened arrival of Amin in this country would great considerable country. would create considerable resent-ment among many sections of the community.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—He is right and I can assure him that the second part of his question is very much in the mind of the Foreign Secretary and the Government. second part of his question is very much in the mind of the Foreign Secretary and the Government.

Secretary and the Government.

The Bishop of Winchester—Apart of the Bishop of Winchester—Apart of the tribal structure, the churches of Uganda constitute the churches of Uganda constitute the

to its members the sense of soli-darity and security and focus of resistance.
In the light of that, do the Government recognize that an all out attack on Christians of the country is an attempt to undermine and destroy that remaining focus of cohesion among the people? Are the Government prepared to treat these events not so much as an instance of religious persecu-

operate
I know there is public concern
and feeling in all these matters. On

an instance of religious persecution, but an issue of the human
rights of all the people?

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—Yes. I
appreciate what he has said about
our considering carefully how best
to protect and sustain our own
people who are almost all Christians, in Uganda, however few.

Although they are there clearly
by their own considered choice,
how best to protect them and in a
larger sense, how best to sustain
and help the people of Uganda as a
whole is a consideration that this whole is a consideration that this Government and any other Govern-ment would have to engage on in a careful manner. Lord Gladwyn (L)-Is it likely, if

not disagree with that prognosti-cation, and a great many others voiced today. I hope Hunsurd is perused carefully in Kampala. (Laughter.) The Bishop of St Edmundsoury and Inswich-When I was in The Bishop of St Edmundsoury and Ipswich—When I was in Nairobi during the weekend for the memorial service for the Archbishop of Uganda, I was approached by a considerable number of Ugandan refugees some of whom are responsible people and who had arrived that day.

There is a widnessead, doen feer There is a widespread, deep fear throughout Uganda that the killing of the past may be far exceeded by the killing possibly of the present and futures.

The Ugandan people, and those The Ugandan people, and fitose who spoke to me, were representative of a considerable section of the people, think only some kind of outside intervention could help. It is right that the matter should be referred to the United Nations Commission with urgency as some kind of speedy action is of the greatest importance. Lord Goronwy-Roberts-We share

his fear and sense of urgency. The best course of action designed to dispel the fear and overtake that amergency remains to be consi-dered with great care indeed. Lord Januer (Lab)—In view of the deep anguish that exists not only

it by President Amin would cause deep distress to many in Christian circles, but in other circles, now is the time for something to be done which will indicate clearly to the President of Uganda and his colleagues that the world will not stand for this kind of terrorism and horrific set of actions which have been undertaken recently by the President.

As a civilized nation we must turn round to Amin and tell him bluntly that he is not welcome in this country and if he comes here the people will be deeply distressed about his presence. tressed about his presence.

Lord Goconwy-Roberts—I cannot quarrel with him on the last remark. It is right to point out that in referring to people of the Christian faith, we include the wider circle of concern and danger which would include all faiths.

This House is probably among the best in which these views can be made known. Let us hope from this House and in other ways, the message will reach the right message will reach the right

Lord Leatherland (Lab)—If the association between the British Commonwealth and Uganda is severed, a new association between Uganda and the Russians and Communist Chinese may be estab Lord Goronwy-Roberts--That is in-

## Upstairs, downstairs Widows of Servicemen could live next door to each other and find that one had a pension and the other not, Mr Peter Viggers (Gostoff, C) said when he was given leave to introduce the Service had no realistic chance to make

next door to each other and find that one had a pension and the other not, Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) said when he was given leave to introduce the Service Widows (Equality of Pensions)

Bill.

The Bill seeks to provide pensions for widows of Servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class I who retired before September 1, 1950; to provide for equality of pensions for widows of Servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retred between September 1, 1950 and March 31, 1973, and to provide for the pensions to be paid from the Nadonal Insurance Fund.

He said the widow of an officer He said the widow of an officer who retired before 1970 received a pension, but the widow of another rank did not. That was an indefensible situation, an upstairs, downstairs situation, which he sought to rectify by the Bill.

Not until 1952 did the widows of other ranks receive a pension. The amount was originally one-third of her husband's pension, increased to one-half in 1953. When the legislation was introduced a cut-off date of September 1, 1950 was made,
Only one group, the pre-1950
widows of those below WO1
remained left out. As all other
pension benefits were inflation-

had no realistic chance to make substantial savings.

He had received hundreds of letters, some of them from widows who had been shocked and horrified to find, only when their husbands died, that they would receive no pension. Neighbours who were widows of Servicemen found that one had a pension and the other not the other not.

A minister had once advised that any hardship could be minigated by supplementary benefits but they were talking of proud people who would rather receive a pension of £1 a yeak than ask for money they regarded as charity through supplementary benefits.

When the scheme was introduced there had to be a cut-off date, and in 1972 there had been estimated to be about 30,000 pre-1950 widows, be about 30,000 pre-1950 widows, so that a pension for them would then have cost about £4m a year. These widows were among the least privileged in the community. His one-clause Bill would not come into effect until an order was made by the Secretary of State so that it would have no immediate effect on public expenditure. He effect on public expenditure. He was seeking to establish the princi-ple. The Bill had all-party support. The Bill was read a first time.

## House of Lords Today at 3.00; Toris (Interference with Or 5: Bill, third reading, Patonia Billcommittee singo. Debatable question of Real Act 1974.

#### Timetable for devolution Bill defeated be lucky to get 120 MPs to support

As reported in later editions of The Times yesterday, the Government motion setting out a timetable for further consideration of the Scotland and Wales Bill was rejected on Tuesday night by 312 votes to 283—majority against the Government, 29.

During the later stages of the Government and make sure that debate,
Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian,
Lab) said that what had happened
in the last 10 days was that, far
from fillbustering, the House had
yet again performed one of its
classical textbook but seldom practised functions—namely, that of a
watchdog with teeth. (Cheers.)
The unworkable nature of the Bill
had been exposed.
Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said the House was
facing the most dangerous issue it
had ever faced. had ever faced.

To those who are opposed to devolution (he said) as to those in favour, I say that this Bill must go through here. (Cries of "No ".) If it goes through, if you oppose it, for God's sake fight it in the referendam if it is wrong, but at least let it be the will of the people.

If the Bill is lost here, we will have a rise of pationalism, and are had ever faced. have a rise of nationalism, and an extremely ugly manifestation of it, too. If by our political ineptitude, we fall to get the Bill through, I for one shall end my political life in this House shortly.

and with the state of their support there they badly needed as much support as they could get—Labour MPs should vote in support of the Government and make sure that the motion went through. The Conservative suggestion of a convention was a time-wasting exercise. cise.

If the Bill failed by action in the Commons, it would give rise to anger and at the cext election a majority of Scottish National MPs demanding independence.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C) said the Government could have made major correspondents.

could have made major concessions without destroying the type of devolution they wished to see implemented. mplemented.

Mr Kenneth Lomas (Huddersfield,
West, Lab) said the Bill was illconceived, wrong and diabolical.

The sooner the Government took it
away and looked at again the better.

Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said there were Cabinet members opposed to the Bill. A list existed of them. Most Labour backbenchers had been talking to friends and colleagues in the Government who they knew to be opposed to the Bill. If there was a free vote, the Government would

be lucky to get 120 MFs to support them.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Pembroke, C), said he hoped the House realized that it would have to debate more than 50 clauses in not more than three days, and that the country would realize that not more than one-third of the Bill was likely to be debated at all if the Government had their way tonight. They were voting, not on a mere procedural motion, but to decide whether the House could exercise its constitutional function.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State. its constitutional function.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State,
Privy Council Office (North
Lanarkshire, Lab), said he had felt
for some time that MPs paid too
much attention to the SNP, and to
its pretension to speak for the
people of Scotland.
The Liberals, who claimed to be
committed devolutionists, now that
for the first time for many years

for the first time for many years constitutional reform was on the agenda of this Parliament were seeking for ways to wriggle out of their commitment devolved government.

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The serious challenge to the unity of the United Kingdom did not come from the Bill but from the nationalist parties who sought for their own purposes, to break it up. It was far better to found unity upon the recognition of the diversity of the United Kingdom.

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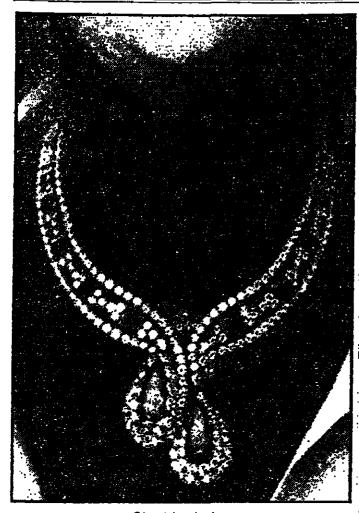
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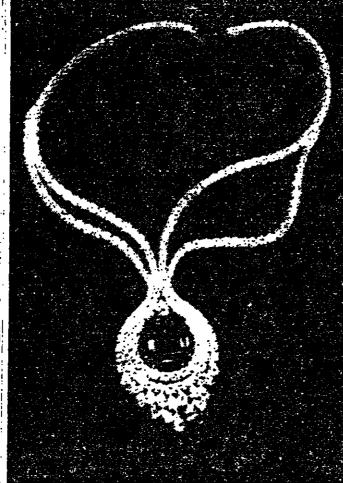
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## Getting Gstaaded

not cut out for the jet-set life. As a Gloucestershire adolescent I gawped at the glossy pics in the society magazines just as Nancy Mitford recorded the Hons doing ("Heavenly Tatler—we're all in") years before, and I dreamt of belonging to this constellation. On the surface, it seemed unlikely. The women were blonde, showed a lot of teeth, and had a sort of uniform polish which spelled daily sacrifices at the hairdresser, dressmaker and cosmetic counter. Above all, they exuded a ravenous confidence that there was always going to be some man there to pay for things like meals and marriage, and what is more, that was precisely what men were there for, and they hung onto them for dear life in the pics. The uniform thing about the men was

their money, their resignation at being hung onto, and their names; for I postdated the real society captions which dismissed lesser mortals snapped with the aristos as "and friend". Everyone had their names reinted in my youth, which was really rather a pity, come to thank of paper has recently had amusing correspondence on the extra characters which could be implied in akespeare's texts, but no one as far as I know has queried the identity of the person mentioned by Sir Robert Grant as being seen by a snob spy in the company of "Our maker, defender, Redeemer". Who was that "and friend"? I have often wondered. Or did Sir Robert work freelance for The Tatler and the habit stuck in his hymns?

Anyway, there was teenage I, irrevocably mousey, neat toothed, neither rapacious nor confident, with no sense of humour for the practical pranks the jet-set likes should have been a dead loss at an Edwardian house-party), and getting a bit stuffy even then about the role of women as parasites; my feminist views have long roots (or was it jealousy?).

Since then I have learnt a good deal. The first is that nothing about your physical appearance is irrevocable to the are they walking (sometimes rather jerkily) illustrations of the art of the possible or the triumph of self-improvement and cosmetic surgery over what Nature intended. They have their faces, bottoms and busts hoisted up as much as a matter of course as you and I buy toothpaste. I doubt if many of them remember what colour their hair was originally, and they are prepared to suffer agonies in the cause of fashion. Their eyebrows are currently plucked so fine it makes me nervous that I might see through into the void beneath. The second is that though their priorities can never be mine there is a happy medium between over-concentration on l'art de plaire and turning into a middle aged slut. The third is that once you have established that you live by a different standard but enjoy observing other forms of style, goodness what fun they are to dip into.

This is how I found myself last week in

Gstaad as the guest of Louis Gerard. Nowhere in Switzerland is smarter now than Gstaad for the six-week midwinter season. St Moritz, it seems, does not com-pare. "Once vou've had dinner with the Aga and Sally, and that's very boring. you've done everything in that boring rilace," I heard one new arrival comploin-ing. In Gstaad the belpful authorities issue a list of who owns chalets round about and who is staying where when, which does make the social grind much simpler. I did not ski, since another thing have learnt over the years is that while can enjoy the cable car to Massada in Switzerland climbing anything higher than the bar stools in the Palace Hotel brings on vertigo. But I did lots of observing. The smart things to wear for skiing are

ombre, bright coloured dungaree suits in what looks like glazed chintz, and brilliant plastic boots called "moon boots". To judge by the action of guests in the hotel. which in a horse would be described as string halt, they certainly defy the calls of gravity. For wandering about to meet tout Gstoad, you don either boots like a matching thonoing tied up the leg, or. another horsey simile, shaggy boots like a Shire's feathered fetlocks. For evening, black is the favourite colour and the style is definitely après moi rather than après ski. I never remember seeing more recog-nizable products of the French haute couture indeed Emanuel Ungaro was

showing in the hotel So, too, was M Gerard, for M Gerard is now, slong with Harry Winston, the sole provider, I think, of that rarefied combination of colossally valuable precious stones allied to really imaginative



The three daughters of M Gerard, from the left Catherine, Caroline and Dominique, on the terrace of the Palace Hotel in Gstead.

modern design-all of which he does himself-and made to standards which remind one of the dictum of the late Christian Dior. You could wear a Gèrard piece inside out, I could have seen the newest Gerard collection in London, in Paris, in Monte Carlo, I suppose, but I much prefer to see a designer in context to understand what he does, and on February 16 Gstead was where it was all happening in terms of this sort of jewelry.

The transition to the international lifefrom for-bound crisis-struck Britain brief and remarkably painless by Swissair, on which the lunch napkins have an embroidered buttonhole in one corner for atachment to the ton button of prosperous and coroulent travellers, or per-haps to the pointed hats of snomes. Gsined is two hours' drive from Geneva. "I often take customers back to Portugal, or to Madrid, or Italy," said my text driver, a far and stolid cry from the lebus of my previous trip. I was glad to find that my British Home Stores patent look crepe soled broques were as effective in deep snow as in the sands of the Nerey.

The transition from the charm and elegance of our own jewelry designers, who have perforce to concentrate on style rather than just intrinsic value, to pieces of truly awesome proportions both physically and financially is painless, too, when end product is as pretty and as well designed as the work of Gerard. I believe that different media impose, quite rightly, a different priority on the artist who uses them, and thus I expect in the most expensive ornaments that extremely difficult combination of wit and charm and innovation superbly made into some hing which has the classic value of untiring, indeed self-renewing appeal. The artist working in the most valuable medium has to express confidence and mastery and a certrin recklessness towards the material if the designs are not to be just dull lumps to be stuck in the bank vault. At the same time to make a style too close to the ephemeral whims of clothing is inappro-

priatę. Lours Gerard worked for 25 years with Van Cleef and Arpels. In 1958 he set out on his own, backed by M Roger Bellon, a friend and customer. He is 54, and the heirs apparent to the business are three daughters: Catherine, who is 30 and handles the publicity. Dominique who is 26 and is going to run the Landon shop Grafton Street, and Caroline, who is 21 and who lives with her father and mother and handles administration and a small iealous dachshund.

While most of the establishment names in the jewelry business-Tiffany and

route. He is not interested in semi-precious stones, he is not interested in boutique jewelry or attendant fripperies, and as a now has in his workshops Paris, where every single thing is hand made in numbers of one, the three greatest artisans available to realize his ideas. These ideas come from his intel-lectual grasp of historical design, and from talking to lots of women and getring inspiration from them". He does not travel much, because he says to motivate an important piece "you must communi-cate every day with the craftsman; you must watch and be involved with every single sten, otherwise the piece dies a little". Gold is to him, as to every jeweller know, the most magic metal. Fabergé is the craftsman he most admires.

and says, modestly, that he is now sufficiently established for people to come to him first to offer outstanding examples. Much of the material comes from private sources now : the ruby mines are e-hausted—rubies are now the most valuable stones in the world, with emeralds and diamonds banded second, and to get superb matches it may mean buying hundreds of stones. The Germans are a good source, so are the Italians, Portuguese and Spanish. But the English don't like change; they hang on to their

. With insurance premiums so high and the anti-status fashion brigade so much in evidence, who buys these things, why, and where do they wear them? Usually the pieces will be worn at private dinner parties and in the refined world of the really rich connoisseur.

Cartier, for example-have moved strongly into the boutique and gift areas, Louis Gerard has taken exactly the opposite

M Gerard buys stones from all over

The pieces, he is convinced, are bought for the joy and pleasure of ownership. It is impossible to describe or even photograph their seductive beauty. I find, because you really need to hold them and ease, and fiddle with them as the Chinese did with jade. Of course, they are bought for investment value, too, but he does manage to make this the secondary thing one thinks of even when handling vast diamonds. Perhaps it is because he himself adores his medium. There is one neck lace which contains Indian diamonds 300 vears old which are cut just like the drops on a crystal chandelier. Even M Gerard is impressed by a Maharajah who could allow such big stones to be cut around regardless of time, of waste, and without benefit of modern techniques. But ther the Maharajah owned the mines, the

Private Eye can continue Goldsmith v Sperrings Ltd Goldsmith v Various Distribu-

the Rolls, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Bridge So long as the law of libel entitles a person to bring an action for hamages and an injunction not only against the alleged On the distributors' legal lia-bility, the case had been conducted on the assumption that the distri-butors were prima facie liable undefamers but also against any dis-seminator of the defamatory matter, he can bring actions against wholesale or retail news-agents for the same reliet, and less they could prove that they did not know that Private Eye was can make settlements out of court with any of them, even if they result in the distributors ceasing to handle a particular publication. So long as his ourpose is to protect his reputation and not to

of course, were responsible for libels in them. But were the news-agents also liable to be sued? Lord Bernstein had sued the city editor of The Observer for getting

were dot an abuse of the process of the court and should not be stayed or dismissed. The court, the Master of the Rolls dissenting, so held in reserved judgments, in dismissing, with costs, interlocutory appeals by 17 wholesale and retail distribu-tors from Mr Justice Stocker, in charters, who had allowed an appeal by Sir James Goldsmith, financier and company chairman. from Master Warren and had ordered that 34 actions hegun by writs issued by Sir James against the distributors claiming damages and injunctions to restrain distribution of two alleged libels in Primes Ew or any similar libel should not be staved because they were not an abuse of the process The fects as stated by Lord lustice Bridge, with whose statement of law and fact Lord Justice Scar-

of law and fact Lord Justice Scar-man agreed, were: In 1975 and 1976 many issues of Private Fre contained uncomplimentary refer-ences to Sir James Coldsmith. In the issues of December 17 and 25, 1975, and January 9, 1976. Sir James considered that he had been libelled. In respect of the Decem-ber 12 article Jenticled "All's well that ends Elves") he obtained leave from Mr Justice Wien to institute proceedings for criminal libel against Precedent Ltd., the publishers. Mr Richard Ingrams. need against Precederam Ltd, the publishers. Mr Richard Ingrame, the editor, and Moore-Harness Ltd, the main distributors of the mazazine ("the main defendants"). They have been committed for trial but have not yet been ried. Six James also issued write. ried. Sir Tames also issued write so bad that a distributor should handle them only at his peril; but there would have to be ver-strong evidence before it reached

claiming damages and infunctions against the main defendants in respect of allegelly defamatory matter in all three issues. The civil action in respect of the December 12 issue has been hald in suppose product the oppose that point.
Even though a publication in suspense pending the outcome of the criminal prosecution. In the actions relating to the December 26 and January 9 issues [headed "In the City "] the main defendants rely, inter alia, on the defence of justification. Sir James has issued a further writ against them in respect of an alleged libel in the June 25, 1976,

For the alleged libels of December 26 and January 9 Sir James issued 74 writs against 37 sub-ordinate wholesale and retail distributors. Sixteen distributors had come to terms, Sir James discontinued proceedings against them and they, in effect, had, at least for the time being. discontinued distribution of Private Epe. The remaining 17 discontinued distributors were the nominal Master Warren an order that Sir James's proceedines against them he stayed as an abuse of the pro-cess of the court. Mr Justice Stocker, on fuller evidence, reversed that decision. On appeal to the Court of Appeal, the 17 claimed that the actions should

The background to the 16 settlements was that Sir James believed that Private Eve was conducting a campaign of vilification and abuse against him. Private Epe was a publication with a substan-tial record and reputation for publishing defamatory matter. The publishers' business manager had deposed that they had been such "innumerable times" for libel since 1963. Their accounts showed the cost of libel sitts at \$12.84 for 1974 and \$14.345 for 1975. The publishers had a substantial libel contingency fund, and when faced with a potential liability in defamation, appealed to readers for subscriptions. The so-called Coldenballs Fund, in relation to Sir James's litigation, stood at over \$37,000. Any disseminator of defamatory

matter was liable to the party lefamed subject to the defence of nancent dissemination, and it was for him to show that he did not in fact know that the publication contained defamatory mader and that he had no reason to believe that it was likely to contain such

There had been negotiations for the initiative for settlement came of any discussion with Sir James or any discussion with Sir James, to discontinue distribution of Private Eye, either absolutely or "until further notice". When that decision was communicated to Sir James with an apology, he discontinued proceedings against the distributor. In some other cases the only exchanges precedcases the only exchanges preced-ing similar settlements were that the distributor sought and obtained from Sir James's solicitor infor-mation about the terms on which other distributors had already the distributor. In most cases th distribute Private Eps in future was unqualified. In some it was limited in point of time or to copies containing references to Sir James.

Mr James Comyn. OC. and Mr Desmond Browne for the distribu-tors; Mr Lewis Hawser, QC, and Mr Richard Rampton for Sir The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

said that Mr Comon had stated that the case concerned the free dom of the press. Mr Hawsen retorted that it concerned the good name of an ordinary citizen. The court had to hold the balance otween the two interests and see which way the scales came down. The action was not against Prirate Eye, but against respectable newsagents, Sperrings Ltd. in Southampton district. If they had done any wrong at all, it was simply that they distributed Prioate Eye among other publications handled. Sixteen other respectable firms of distributors were also sued. All that was said against them was that they distributed

rivate Eve.

Private Eve. which had a circulation of 100,000, was found in public libraries, clubs, colleges, and business places. It caricatured people for its readers' amusement It exposed wrongdoing but some-times missed the mark and was sued for libel.

three articles contained "unpleasant instructions" against Sir James, but the writs for libel against the newsagents, because they distribted Private Eye, were a step quite without precedent. Sir James's action in doing so was the crux of the case. Mr Comyn said that it was an abuse of legal process; that his motive was to smash Private Ere; and that was a threat to the freeom of the press-

Goldsmith actions against distributors of

of a character likely to contain a libel: Gatley on Libel and Slander (7th ed, 1974, pera 241). His Lordship had done his own researches -for which he had been rebuked in the past—and he ventured to think that the law was not so.

Printers and publishers of repu-

his facts wrong and was awarded \$25,000. But could he have sued the distributors with any bope of success? From W. H. Smith at the rop to the streetseller at the bettem of Chancery Lane, alleging simply that they had published a libel on him and putting on them were not negligent in not noticing the defendancy campaign? His Lordship's answer was no. Any such action should be struck out as disclosing no reasonable cause of action. The distributors of newspapers and periodicals were nothing more than conduit pipes in the channel of distribution. They had nothing to do with the contents; they had no time to read tham. His Lordship had read every case cited in the mythooks. every case cited in the rextbooks on the subject and found none where a subordinate distributor had been held liable to a plaintiff except when prior knowledge of the libel had been brought home to him.

to him.

But it was said that a publication might have so bad a charac-ter and be so likely to contain a libel that anyone who distributed it. knowing of its character, was liable in damages to any person libelled in it. If that were correct and applied in the pre-sent case it would mean that person who handled it, even a person who handled it to his neighbour to read, would be liable in damages to any person who claimed to be libelled in it. There might be some publications to had about a distributor should

might be scurrious, it was not to be banned on that account. After all, who was to be the censor? No distributor could be expected to assess its worth, or inquire how many libel writs had been issued against it or whether the words were true or the comthe words were true or the com-ment fair. Nor, larer on could a jury. No such but had hitherto been imposed on new spapers. Nor should a start be made now.

No private individual should be allowed to stifle a publication on his own estimate of its worthlessness, or the estimate of his friends orthose about him. And he would stifle it. if he were allowed to sue the distributors in libel simply for distributing it, and thus making them atraid to handle it any more. The freedom of the press depended on keeping one of the stress depended on keeping. open the channels of distribution. As to abuse of legal process, in a civilized society legal process was the machinery for keeping order and doing justice. If a writ for libel was issued with a writ for libel was issued when the predominant purpose of stifling discussion—as the words "gagging writ" so colourfully put it—it was unlawful. Once the court was satisfied that such was the predominant object it would stay the action as an abuse of

Seventy-four writs had been tributors. They had been shocked by the writs. Some immediately discontinued Private Eye on their own: others negotiated for a settlement. It was not a proper

use of process.

There was no need and no justification for Sir James to sue the subordinate distributors. His Lordship had yet to learn that mere distribution gave him a cause of action against them, any more than against the public libraries or others who distributed Private Eve.

Further, his actions had caused irremediable damage in advance of any judicial determination of wrongdoing. He could never have got an interim injunction before trial against the principals of Private Eye, and even if he had, he would have had to give an undertaking in damages. Yet by using the distributors he had succeeded in obtaining a drop of 12.000 in Private Epe's circulation. That might affect its finances, even its continuance: distributors who were not sued felt that they dare not risk handling it lest they too should be sued for libel.

That damage had been done by the use of the legal process. And the way it was done appeared to basty that the list against whom the writs were issued in-cluded three who had never handled Private Epe at all. No letter before action. No chance to explain or apologize. Seventy-four writs in all, when all could have been brought in one

Lordship appreciated the indignation which Sir James felt rightly at the hurtful campaign against him. He was entitled to use every legal process available to hit the principals as hard as he could within the limits allowed by law. But his indignation had got the better of him when he went for the subordinate distributors also-at any rate, in the way he did it. No doubt he thought Private

Eue was scurrilous and that a good way of stopping or reducing it was to shut off the channels of distribution. But that was a collateral purpose outside the legitimate scope of the legal process. If distribution channels were blocked so that a ban was placed on the distribution of even one periodical, that was an intrusion on the freedom of the press. Such a ban, by agreement or otherwise, was not to be enforced by the law unless there were sufficient cir-cumstances to justify it. There were no sufficient circumstances The court should not allo actions to continue. His ordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN said that he took a different view of the facts from that of the Master of the Rolls, and the appeal numed on a question of fact. If Sir James's purpose in pursuing his actions against the secondary dis-iributors was to destroy Private Eue-to use his wealth so as to suppress to-he was abusing the process of the court. wealth nor power entitled a man

to ceasor the press. of however, his purpose was to vindicate and protect his reputa-tion, the use of all remedies afforded him by the law could

not be an abuse of process. It james demonstrated that in was never easy to determine a dominant purpose in uning man's purpose. Ordinarily that was to shut down Frivate E<sub>1</sub> was a task tackled only after trial. (3) that in the law of co was never easy to determine a man's purpose. Ordinarily that was a task tackled only after trial. was a task tackled only after that.
Their Lordships were being asked
to pass judgment on Sir James's
purpose on a preliminary application, the effect of which, if successful, would prevent him bringing to trial actions in each of which admittedly he was pleading a cause of action recognized by the law. It was right, therefore, that the task of imposing a stay at the present stage as an abuse of process should be a heavy one, for making the content of the content of the content of the cause was a stage of the cause the content of the cause was confident. for, unless the court was satisfied, a stay was a denial of justice by the court—a totally intolerable

Like the judge, his Lordship was not satisfied that Sir James's purpose was to stille the publication of Private Eye by depriving it of its commercial outlets. In regotiations between April 26 and negotiations between April 26 and May 11, 1976, with the principal defendants for the settlement of all pending litigation between them. Sir James had put forward terms which would in no way impede or obstruct future publication and he had sworn that everyone understood that if there was settlement he would not survive. one understood that if there was a settlement he would not pursue the remaining actions against the distributors. The settlement went off because among the terms proposed by Sir James was one designed to protect his solicitor from being libelled, which Private Eye negotiators found unacceptable.

situation\_

The Master of the Rolls had concluded that a plaintiff who sought, or by way of settlement was pleased to take, more than the two remedies which the law offered to a defamed plaintiff—damages and an injunction to prevent publication of the Roel or civilize libels are abusing the vent publication of the libel or similar libels—was abusing the process. That conclusion was suspect. Men went to law to redress a grievance. But equally a man, while pursuing the remedies offered by law, might negotiate to secure by agreement with the parties sued terms more favourable than, or different from, what ne would get in the absence of agreement. Such a negotiation, undertaken by properly advised parties, each of whom might have an interest in avoiding hitgation and might be prepared to concrete more than the law required of them to achieve that end, find not necessarily mean that the plaintiff by his litigation was reaching out by his litigation was reaching out to secure a collateral advantage,

In the context of libel a man might see in a sertlement a more effective way of protecting his reputation than by action. Since the protection of reputation was the object of the law of libel, it would need strong evidence that the plaintiff was in fact seeking something more before the court could stay his action as an abuse of process. The Master of the Rolls also

relied on his view, based on his own researches, about the nature and availability of the cause of action against secondary distribu-tors of libellous matter. But those researches could not provide any clue to Sir James's purpose. He must be judged on the previously unchallenged view that the cause of action existed.

His Lordship would have been content to rest his judgment on Mr Justice Stocker's reasons; but Mr Justice Stocker's reasons, but having read Letd Justice Bridge's judgment he agreed with him, for the reasons of law and fact he gave, that the appeals should be dismissed. He would make only three comments. First, Sir James could not be

First, Sir James could not be said to have been unreasonable in believing that he was the vic-tim of a virulent campaign of calumny. It was understandable that he should proceed not only against its distributors; and the law afforded him a remedy. Secondly, the submission, still' echoing down the corridors of his Lordship's mind, was Mr Comyn's

warning that the case was most important to come before the courts for a very long :tim and that to dismiss the appear would be to imperit the freeston of the press. That was not lightly to be brushed aside. But his Lordship thought it was based on a confusion of thought. If Sir James's purpose was to pursue James's purpose was to pursue the rights given him by the law against the secondary describators. he was not putting the press in peril. If his purpose was illegiti-mate his actions would be stayed If not, he was exercising rights given him by law. If, therefore, there was in the present pro-ceedings a threat to press free: ceedings a threat to press freedom, the threat came not from the law itself, because it provided a cause of action against distributors as well as publishers. That was a matter for Parliament, not fire counties so long as the cause of action existed it might be invoked in less shown to be being used to secure a collateral advantage.

If the effect of the law was-to diminish freedom of the press Parliamens would have to decide where the belance was to be struck between freedom and the protection of the defamed citizen. Some would argue against any restraint, and even go so fair as the call for a legal obligation to be imposed on all newspaper distribution to provide an ontier for all newspapers, and periodicals, whatever they published. Others, however, would argue that the existing law provided in the action against a secondary distributor, a valuable additional remedy for an individual defamed by a scurriprotection of the defamed citizen. individual defamed by a scuri-lous or financially dublious publication. The court did not have to consider those questions.

Finally, the decision on present appeal was not helped reference to Sir James's wealth. Wealth might well have afforded him the chance of invoking the. way in which, alas, a poorer man could not. If so, the inference was simply that this branch of the law was not as it sliculd be, available to poor men. His Lord-ship would dismiss the appeals. LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said

that on the facts he could not accept Mr Comyn's submissions that (1) it was an abuse of process to litigate to obtain a collateral advantage; that any which went beyond advantage the relief which the court could itself award to a plaintiff was a collateral advantage; and that therefore Sir James in settling with 16 distri-butors on terms which the court could not have ordered was abusing process; or (2) that by settling with the 16 as he did Sir

any restriction agreed by a distributor which inhibited defamatory matter, was an u-ful restraint and/or counts public policy and that the Sir James in settling with i rributors on terms restricting was entering into unlawful tracts and so was an abu

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in damages.
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Mr Comyn's fourth subm.

Mr Comyn's fourth subm preceded by his reference freedom of the press, son elevate the argument to altogether different plane, that in the law of the const to the freedom of the const to that in the law of the const-the freedom of the press, valled over the interest c-individual, and no news however defamatory, could tutionally be subjected to prior restraint on public that the settlement with the pributors amounted to st restraint, again making the athus unlawfully sertled an of process; and the courbeen referred to a decision; United States Supreme Cour cerned with the constitute under the Fourteenth Amen of a state enactment purp to prohibit publication of a cious, scandalous and dis-tory newspapers. The set-held it to be an unconstituprior restraint on publication

But in the present come Lordship feared that those forensic salvoes were di at a wholly inappropriate There was no question of the There was no question of the lication of Private Bye restrained. Only its circulatic curtalled by the fact that newsagents bad agreed n handle it. If Private Eye w gaged in the courageous equation of public evils, no action in the courageous equation of public evils, no action in the courageous equation of publishing what improper, mischierous of gal." the main defendants likewise free to continue o course, but they roust, as stone said, "take the course of their own temerity". of their own temerity

they could not do was to cor; because some independent agents, controuted with the bility of taking the same mence a should alare de neither to show the same ten : nor to participate in any rigt, crusade, if such it was. So first four submissions fail-establish any case of an ab-

Nor could his Lordship the fifth submission first the against the distributors who are the and those against the rem. 17 were all part of the "batch" and could have joined in a single action, s if the settled actions we abuse of process the same a must infect the present ac, and was incurable, even i there was no prospect the present actions would be and on similar terms or at all the had been scarcely any condition of a compromise. Both now said there would be settlement. How could it it just to deny Sir James the to pursue his plainly arithm causes of action against the

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first to anchor the plot in tra-ditional pantomime. There is a Harlequin and Columbine in the persons of Steven, the recruit (Ian Gelder) and the unit's half-caste girl dancer; while the two senior officers occupy the roles of buffo gro-tesques. All this is worked out in Nichols's sweet-and-sour terms. For instance, the unit

terms. For instance, the unit celebrates Steven's love affair with a bawdy ditty called "Black Velver" to the tune of "Greensleeves". The scene then

unfolds to a lyrical nude bed-room encounter, at which the tune is taken over by Vaughan Williams; followed again by Warrant Officer's brutal arrival

So far therefore, the play applies a traditional comic structure to a collision between

Army discipline and the most

unregimental outfit one can

imacine. But without diluting

the comedy. Nichols also uses it to take another hard look at

to take another hard look at the Army's operation as a class system without class warfare. The Major, played with weak-chinned fanaticism by Nicel Hawthorne, is an inflexible paternalist who goes in for homely little chats with his men

dropping into what he fondly

imagines to be their own style

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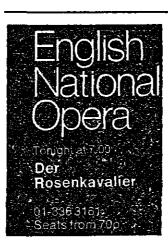
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Juraj Kukura in Mario and the Magician

## Nymphs of Monte Carlo

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the use of television to promote ideals of peace, common huma-

nity and international collabora-

tion, and the Critics' Prize is

waich I do not mean that theirs

marks for pictorial attractive-

ness and narrative skill. For

The Silver Nymphs for the best short news report (won by ITN for two incidents in the

cod war), the best news maga-

zine and the best extended coverage of a "live" event are all awarded by an international jury of TV news journalists;

that for the best programme on the defence of man's environ-

achievement, cross-cultural con-

cessions and the anaesthesis of détente itself, can come into

Confusion between news and

feature categories makes

matters worse: all programmes

difficulty, of course, without local watch committees survey-

ing the wast field throughout the year, lies in knowing where

instance, were there no entries

from Horizon, Surrival or Dis-appearing World? Because nobody sent them, I bet.

The best news magazine, easily, was The Story of Pieter Menten, a ferocious and unfor-

giving Dutch inquiry into the businessman and art collector

now waiting trial for alleged Nazi crimes in the last war-

excellent journalism, but in Britain it would almost cer-

tainly be regarded as illegal and premature trial-by-televi-sion, and not shown. The third

Silver Nymph for a news programme stayed in her pool this

year, the only "live" events covered at length being the 1976 Monaco Grand Prix and

the piercing of a new road tim-

nel under the Alps. I thought the 40 minutes of télévérité in

good work is. Why, for

television, in fact.

The Monte Carlo festival was at greater length, by The Hunt,

an ecological melodrama from

Bulgaria, in the second week by a perfectly horrendous offering from Hollywood Television

Theatre called The Hemingway

Play. Cuter and more pretenti-

ous than this they do not come.

even in Hollywood.

The children's jury gave their nymph to Raphaelito (West Germany), the environmentalists chose There is Only One

Baltic Sea (Poland) and the dramaturgs a Czech studio adaptation of Maun's Mario and the Marician, in which Jure

Kukura gives a performance of

sustained and glittering diabolism that makes Joel Grey look like Andy Hardy. From all these Silver Nymphs is chosen

the Golden Nymph, the pro-gramme best exemplifying the

aspirations that first brought the festival into existence. In-

evitably, this went to the Poles,

Their account of pollution and

counter-measures on all the

shores between Leningrad and Elsinore was informative, pains-taking and a remarkable piece of East-West cooperation, but

in no way could it have been

placed among even the 10 hest television programmes shown at

Monte Carlo this year. It could

to the seventeenth festival, in-

cluding Israel, Tunisia, Dubai,

New Zealand and Iron (the last two with distinction), but that

will still be fewer than Prague's

shorter competition next July, and excludes all Scandinavia. East Germany, Turkey, Central and South America, India and

Australia. Entries were excessive from France, unrepresenta-

tive from West Germany and Italy, generally poor in sound,

colour and content from the United States. The strongest

by Britain Canada Belgium and

Spain, who all took the com-

perition seriously.
Or almost seriously. This

vas. after all, the very when I a Television Independente de

Grende Bretame (how glorious and libertarian it sounds), artemoring to establish a patrician-raciness in Monte, brought

Windlesham, threw a rich thresh at the Hotel de Paris and

professed interminable scenes of a rioting launderette before be-

wildered diners. Not even Edward VII or Quentin Crisp

tould save them after that.
The professionalism, assurance and definition of the second week were far sharner

than the first. Besides Abide with Me. Woman in a Land-scape and Marin there were at

least six other first class plays, including a French Bartleho and, from Austria, The Youne

Freud. They are all worth

showing here and I hone to write more of them in a second

a way that emphasized its

than its expressive ambiguities

as work on the #-bject of death.

Once again Britten was being

celebrated without an infusion of personal grief, and that is surely as he would have wished.

Mr Ledger also directed his

King's College choristers in two pieces from those remark-able war years, the Festival Te

Drum and Rejoice in the Lamb.
Those works, both written for parish churches, could hardly be more different, the one a lovely setting for liturgical use, the other based on the sacred but historials personal poetry of

but bizarrely personal poetry of Christopher Smart.

Christopher Smart.

In the Te Deum the choir made a beautiful sound, and the organ part was nicely done by Thomas Trotter, who was again pleasing when adding his comments in the Smart piece. There the choral singing was fresh and micros with the and the choral singing was true and micros with the and micros with the and micros with the choral singing was true to the choral singi

Michael Ratcliffe

article neer week.

Lady Ployden and Lord

Thirty countries contributed

as easily have been a book.

The Sales are on in Monte Carlo, the Lower Corniche is cut by a landslide and strikingly fury take place at the railway station where Moira Shearer threw herself off the bridge in the only one awarded by a jury whose members are neither obliged primarily to adopt an ethical interpretation of work shown nor in professional rulry with each other—by The Red Shoes. Anthor: Burgess is living on Grimaldi soil and Le Monde remarkably, but rightly, devotes front-page and star treatment to the French publication of Napoleon Symphony, describing it as the great novel about Bonaparte that the French have never is the most unethical jury, but rather the least solemn and the one most likely to give high managed to write for themscives. No, the joke is on us.

Nothing at the Seventeenth International Television Festival of Monte Carlo, which ended last Saturday, seemed quite as sensational as that: despite the untiring efforts of Télé-Poche to sustain a stream of vedettes and speakerines for public excitement, the streets remained quiet and the people relament duet and the people calm. Like most residents and visitors in the Principality of Monaco, participants in the festival quickly assumed a ritual that varied little. Juries and directors from all over Two arrangement is Europe. The arrangement is not ideal: extra-televisual con-siderations like "relative" vanished out of the dazzling sunshine for three and a half hours at 9.30 am, emerged ravenous for lunch at the Hermitage, descending again for another three and a half hours at three in the afternoon. On play. one occasion there was an even-ing session as well, ending at midnight. As a member of the International Critics' Jury, I saw more than 80 entries—22 International Critics' Jury, I are seen by the authorities saw more than 80 entries—22 beforehand to avoid moral hours of news and documentaries in the first week, more than 30 of drama in the second than 30 of drama in the second report. From Hungary on the Lebanon still slipped through a mindred or much and amount of the second report. injoyed so much and survived and, perhans less thoroughly, for their eligibility and quality.

It was the job of the Critics Were any submissions turned enjoyed so much and survived

Jury to see everything screened, down? Between a quarter and to compare tremblements de a third of the programmes seen terre, cod war, civil war, the fouling of earth and sea and the vanishing of the species with psychodramas set in Antwerp and Poland, Simone Signoret as the French Margaret Lockwood (Mainade le Juec), and 100 modest minutes of the most popular programme in the entire history of television, the instantaneous legend, Roots. From these and all the rest we were to choose simply what we thought was the "best" pro-gramme of the whole festival, and we demonstrated the im-nossibility of this task by sbaring our prize, in equal admiration, between Julian Mitchell's play, Abide with Me (BBC, last November) and the late Ivica Matic's Woman in a Landscape (Yugoslavia), a stunningly beautiful film which RBC2 should snap up at once for transmission here. The French journalists—unoffi-rially, there being a very French tiff going on this year hetween the press and the Festival Committee—also chose Abide with Me, as did the Catholic organization, Unda.

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For Peter Pears it must have been a moving experience, perhaps even a painful one, to be singing music by Britten so shortly after his friend's death. Certainly his performance, in the Serenade, was affecting, although not for any reason of memorial sentimentality; Mr Pears is too much of an artist to permit that. His voice and manner remain as distinguished as ever, and he can still capture the spring lyricism of one of Britten's greatest works.

The remainder of this concert of tribute concentrated on the same period, the early 1940s, when Britten was writing most consistently at his best. Philip Ledger conducted the New Philharmonia in the Prelude and same period, the early 1940s, when Britten was writing most consistently at his best. Philip Ledger conducted the New Philbarmonia in the Prelude and Fugue for Strings and the Sinfonia da Requiem, a work of sufficient potency and imagination to make one regret that Britten did not do more in the purely orchestral field. Here it was forcefully projected, yet in

Béjart ballet at the Coliseum

The fourth visit to the London Coliseum by Béjart and the Ballet of the Twentieth Cen-tury, the Brussels-based company, is to take place in the spring, when the company will present three programmes durng a two-week season beginning on April 12 with a gala evening in the presence of London.

Princess Margaret, in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. The programme for the gala opening and the rest of the first week will be Béjart's The Triumphs of Petrarch. The second week will open with a triple bill which will include another London premiere and Bejart's The Firebird. The final

programme, on April 22 and 23, will be Our Faust, also new to

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from vesterday's later editions.

## An Orwell 'Carry On

Privates on Parade Aldwych

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Irving Wardle

Nobody could call Peter Nichols an undervalued writer, but with every new Nichols play it with every new Nichols play it still comes as a shock to find this steel-eyed observer of the English way of life also handing out vaudeville entertainment in bucketfuls.

In this respect, Privates on Purade is his most generous work to due: a three-hour song and dance Army show crack-

and dance Army show, crack-ling with good jokes, virgin soldiers, sudden death, and trumpeting offstage elephants, and altogether the kind of piece George Orwell might have turned out for the Carry On ream.

The play picks up the threads from Nichols's Forget-Me-Not Lane, with its memories of Army show business just after the war. Its hero is a keen young recruit to a Combined Services Entertainments unit Services Entertainments unit based in Singapore, with unbody below the rank of sergeant and everyone on Christian name terms-most of all Captain Terri, the unrivalled belle of the ball who has sought artistic refuge out East on discovering that life "under Clementine Atlee isn't the Roman Empire". Inside the Garrison Theatre all is frolic, feast and fun, with the sergeants dragging up to support Terri in his various portrayals of a suspender-beited Dietrich a bosomy Vera Lynn and a fruit-loaded Carmen Miranda.

Denis Quilley, who couples these delicious routines (plus a performance of the best song Noel Coward never wrote) with cross-talk comedy, radiant fairy godmother exits and inexhaustible torrents of come-hithering double entendres, flirts with the spectators as much as with his follow actors, and entirely enuals his author in generosity. This is a most consummate dis-play of relaxed professional mastery, reaching a fitting climax where the wounded Quilley flings away his crutch for a homecoming dance and then collapses as his knee gives way.

Offstage, however, trouble looms in the persons of the unit's former-policeman warrant officer and its CO, a Christian combat officer who plans to offer a little entertainment to rather complicated scheme is pore.

to toasting "the ordinary every-day England we've been struggling to save" This is not a bitter play; and to ensure that it ends happily Nichols summarily drops one of his villains, and shows the queasily hypocritical hero returning without explanation to his pregnant girl after being seduced into dropping her by the Major. I am not complain-ing; Nichols says it all without needing to twist the knife; and Michael Blakemore's production brilliantly conveys the idea of a spotlit centre of precarious griety surrounded by moral bigotries, class barriers, and sudden death. You get to know people like Joe Melia's obscenely hiccoughing Sergeant Bonny and Simon Jones's gauchely torch-carrying Ser-

geant Young-Love inside out. Set by Michael Annals amid ingeniously varied sliding corrugated iron walls and garish drapes, the play supplies the RSC with a brilliant sequel to Charles Wood's Jingo. The comthe Communists in the jungle. pany can now claim to have Nichols's approach to this done justice to British Singa-



Denis Quilley

Photograph by Donald Cooper

Alfenso and Estrella Reading University

William Mann

The last time that Schubert's opera Aljonso und Estrella was performed in Britain it was in a concert performance at the 1968 Edinburgh Festival. Stanley Sadie then rehearsed in some detail the virtues and shortcomings of the piece, and concluded that it ought to be staged and would be "apt material for a university opera society with large resources". Nine years later Reading University Opera has taken up the challenge and this week is giving the British stage premiere of Alfonso und Estrella (further performances tomorrow and on Saturday) sung in an English translation by Ronald Woodham.
RUO is nothing if not ambi-

tious: past productions have included Wagner's Rienzi. Rossini's Moses, Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis, several spectacular Verdi operas including Nabucco and both operas by Glinka. Yet every producer and scenic designer has to contend with a stage which is really a shallow tiered platform the levels of tiered platform: the levels can be useful but are not readily disguised as anything else, and rapid movement on stage, especially crowd-movement, is

almost impossible.

Alfonso und Estrelle is regularly depreciated for shortage of dramatic action and development. David Fenton, the producer, has turned two given shortcomings to positive effect: he does not try to create gratu-itous dramatic business but simply allows the characters to stand and sing, looking as personable and unstatuesque as possible. He is helped by a designer, Nick Rands, who has successfully camouflaged the platform to suggest some tall

sand-dunes in Spain where the

action takes place; a long ramp and some hidden stoirs allow the various levels to be used helpfully. The result is that we concen-

trate on the beauty and abundant invention of the music. We are also made aware how much fine choral music it contains, as well as the justly admired solos and duets: the choruses were excellently sung, sensitively disposed for visual pleasure (and the chorus, a numer ous body, moved on and off with remarkable speed). A story of rivalry and political faction, with a romance at its centre, was seen to take place and made to appear less stupid than commentators have suggested; the main characters, emerged in quite strong differentiation, for example the rival kings of León, one tormented, the other resigned and philosophical.

There is a keen young cast, including some professionals, to match the student chorus and (sometimes tentative) orchestra (sometimes tentative) orchestra expertly conducted by Tim Dean of whom more must surely he heard. I liked particularly the warm, dark baritone of Simon Vaughan as the villain, Michael Goldthorpe's stalwart tenor Alfonso, and Garrick Jones's grainy, flexible baritone as the usurper of the throne.

On Tuesday the announced Estrella was too ill to appear, and the performance was saved by one of the chorus who and the performance was saved
by one of the chorus who
mimed the part while Eileen
Lowes, at a day's notice, sang
the music from the orchestra
pit; sometimes she lost her
place, or declaimed instead of
singing, but she did bring a radiant, appealing soprano and ample musicianly enthusiasm to her almost impromptu task, and deserved all praise. Reading's enterprise should, by the end of the week, show that Aljonso und Estrella deserves other stage productions: it would sound, and might look, ideal at GlyndeFootball

## QPR's loss may be England's gain

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Only a little over a week ago
the manager of Aston Villa, Ron the manager of Aston Villa, Ron Saunders, was not taken too seriously when he suggested that the drawn second leg of the League Cup semi-final round between his team and Queen's Park Rangers proved that there was not much wrong with the way football was played in Britain, in spite of the weight of criticism that followed England's gloomy performance against the Dutch.

On Tuesday, when Villa dismissed Rangers 3—0 in a surprisingly one-sided replay at Highbury, his views gained some credence and Don Revie, the England manager, was in attendance. It was as much an ideological struggle between managers as a straightforward Cup tie. One of the main reasons why Mr of the main reasons why Mr Revie has lost his way with Eng-land in recent months has been his apparent nucertainty about the style of his teams. Indeed, he has led them into several blind

At first, his ambition seemed to be to build a team who could combine entertainment with prac-dicality. Then man-to-man marking ticality. Then man-to-man marking became the only way to play. Now we are to go back to playing to our "strengths", which means much running, a tough centre-forward and the use of a trouble-shooting midfield player. In League terms, we will probably see a leaning towards the Middlesbrough style and away from Queen's Park Rangers.

Mr Saunders may be right to contest that Villa's method, placed somewhere between the two, best bridges the span between commitment to a continental style, for which England have too few skilful players, and an uncompromisingly defensive attitude that even Middlesbrough are sometimes managing without. are sometimes managing without.

If anything, Mr Saunders underestimates his team by calling them
typical " of the British game.
Mr Saunders said later that his ambitions for the Villa team lay farther ahead than the League Cup final with Everton at Wem-bley on March 12. In two or three





Enterprise in defence and attack: qualities of fered to England by Gidman (left) and Little.

this season, but Rangers seem to have remained static since beating Cologne in the Uefa Cup last

For David Sexton, the Rangers manager, who has tried to bring wider vision to League football, the Uefa Cup is now the only opportunity to prove that he has not been over-ambitious. No doubt he will be less keen to change active in the second remaining the control of the cont ractics in the season's remaining matches than he was on Tuesday when dropping Hollins and using Givens behind the attack. This served no useful purpose.

defence and attack. Both, too; have been hindered by injuries, although neither was overlooked from the last England party for that reason. that reason.

Gidman has been cast as too attack-minded, which is a harsh criticism when one considers how quickly he returns to base and how rarely his attacking ideas fail how rarely his attacking ideas iail in mid-flight. In the more immediate future, however, Villa have a home FA Cup fifth round the with Port Vale on Saturday and so have the incentive of a Wembley double. Mr Saunders has taken League Cup teams there four times in the past five years, but the FA Cup has been more elusive.

pass played forward to utilize Gray's acceleration. The high centre remains popular. They mix traditional strengths with mix traditional strengths with excellent commer-attacking and sound finishing. To suggest, though, that they hold the answers to England's dilemma would be far-fetched.

But at least they have already achieved a positive, successful style whereas Rangers, for all their attractive cup performances this season, are a likeable English compromise. Rangers might have served no useful purpose.

Several peripheral aspects of the tie offered interesting thoughts for the future, not least the performance of the Villa right back. Gidman, and Little. Both offer England enterprising football in

## A man remaining true to his principles

As local interest mounts for the visit of Everton on Saturday the calmest man at Ninian Purk is Jimmy Andrews, the Cardiff City manager. Having already knocked Tottenham Hotspur and Wrexham out of the FA Cup, he sits ghurulike as the eye of the gathering anticipation. His thatch of snow white hair tells that he has been through it all before at various

years, he said, his would be a "great" side. Impressive im-provements have been noticeable

white hair tells that he has been through it all before at various levels of the game.

Outside angry clouds hunted each other as they came like a cavalry charge over Beckwith Hill which cuts the skyline on one side of the ground. Rain fell in buckets beating a frantic tattoo on the windows as if demanding an entry to escape itself. Inside we chewed over the thought that Cardiff now stand 90 minutes away from reaching the sirth round of the cup for the first time since they became the only club to have taken the trophy out of England. That was in 1927 when they beat Arsenai 1—0 at Wembley with the help of a tragic goalkeeping error by Lewis, himself, iromically, a Welshman.

The intervening half-century interest these great days of Keapor

The inserveming nair-century since those great days of Keenor and Hardy has seen Cardiff rise and tail like a yoyo between the first and third divisions, a life-span of good and bad times. Now span of good and bad times. Now they are back in the second divi-

sion and Andrews in the three seasons as manager in succession to Frank O'Farrell (which have encolapassed both relegation and immediate promotion back from the third) has now set the club on a new track.

"We will talk about Saturday's tie in a moment", the man from Dundee said with his quiet Scottish burr. "But first let me confess that we are not yet ready

"My aim is to produce a 90 per cent Welsh team one day and when that happens I am quite sure we will fill Ninian Park had 30,000 crowds for the ties against Spurs and Wrenham and on Saurday the figure could be mearer 40,000."

A product of the West Ham

United academy of cultured foot-ball which has produced a string of managers like Sexton, Bond, Cantwell, Allison, O'Farrell, Mus-grove, Moroney, the Irish interna-tional and others, Andrews has remained true to his principles. "We were all there together. We loved to talk and argue foot-ball Managers, was the Carlott We loved to talk and argue football. Moroney was the catalyst. He was the one who questioned every remark. You could not say anything lightly. It had to be substantiated and tile promoted real discussion. I love football "he continued. "To me it is beautiful at its best. It is an art, not just a game and that is what I want to get out there."

His forefinger stabbed the air towards the pitch beyond his office wall: "What I want here is well balanced quality: Without that one might as well pack up and do some other job. Actually, we have occasionally produced performances that have had our supporters glowing and even boasting."

A creative inside forward himself with West Ham, Orient and Queen's Park Rangers the Andrews He has fulfilled this function at Rangers, Chelses, Coventry, Luton and Tottenham where he gained the deepest respect for Eilly Micholson and Eddie Bally. "That was my finishing school."

Open champion

make amends

hit reasonable form to win.

Miler is under contract to three lo ?! companies which have sponsored him for three years and part of the deal is to play in the \$40,000 rournamet. Should he

win. Miller will receive one of the

smallest winning cheques since he burst upon the golfing scene.

Miller had a 76, four over the card, in his first practice round but improved considerably in the Pro-Am when he achieved a three under par. The main challenges are expected to come from the title holder Guy Wolstenholme, a former British Ryder Cup player, the Australian Billy Dunk, who won the Tasmanian Open last week, and the promising Gree

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"As for Saturday the going will be heavy after all the recent rain but when it is over-I hope Everton will feel they have been in a game. I know all I need to about them—their strengths and weaknesses and the capabilities of players like Duncan McKenzie, Rioch and Latchford, I have briefed my boys in a broad sense. You don't want Latchford. I have briefed my boys in a broad sense. You don't want to clatter up their minds. To tell them too much is as bad as telling them too liule." Andrews showed a burning belief in his emerging team as he named the line-up—Healey, Dwyer, Went, Latmour, Attley, Buchanan, Livermore, Giles, Grapes, Evans and Sayer.

"Went, from Portsmouth, has brought stability at the rear, and in Livermore, once of Liverpool and Norwich, we have the hub of the wheel. He plays a vital role in midfield and as captain he does more than merely toss up. He has licence to change things on the field. He is more important than the manager biting his nails on the bench. And I will tell Everton something for free. They had better watch Evans. The net is a magnet to him." So saying Andrews added more brandy to our coffee; "You hear Sospan Fach rise on Saturday which will warm your cockles even more." That will be all right by me.

## Derby sad but no wiser about Clough

Brian Appleby, the man who persuaded Brian Clough to stay with Nottingham Forest, admits that it would have been a tremendous blow if Clough had returned to Derby County.

Mr Appleby, a QC and chairman of the Forest board, took pains to point out yesterday that there was more to success than retaining a manager. " It would be unfair on Brian, and Peter Taylor, for me to say that Forest could now look forward to promotion and a return to the first division", be said. "But we can face the future with confidence. If a club is to be successful, then it must have the best possible manager and assistant manager, and we have them. have them.

"I know the public and press tend to concentrate on Brian but we have an equal regard for Peter Taylor and the important point is that they are part of a team which includes Ken Smales, our secretary, and the commercial manager, John Carter. They are all vital to the club and if one of them left we would be in difficulty."

Mr Appleby calls the decision of Clough and Taylor to stay at Forest a demonstration of loyalty and integrity. "Those are vitally important if any club is to have

Clough and Taylor, who had seemed 2'll set to rejoin Derby, turned down the move at the last moment on Tuesday. Clough told the Derby board that he was "very happy at Forest", but not much else, in the way of explanation.

tion.

Now it is left to Colin Murphy, confirmed as Derby manager until the end of the year, to pick up the pieces. He and his assistant, Dario Gradi, were back at work at the Baseball Ground yesterday, with their minds on the FA Cup fifth round the against Blackburn on Saturday.

#### Blackburn ask for inquiry into transfers

Blackburn Rovers have asked the Football League management the Football League management committee to make an immediate and full investigation into all aspects of the dealings between themselves and Newtastle United over the last 20 months. The call came yesterday in a statement from Rovers' vice-chairman Mr. Dorak Kotzbiog.

from Rovers' vice-chairman Mr Derek Keighley.

Rovers want the inquiry to cover the period since Gordon Lee, now Everton's manager, left Blackburn to go to Newcastle. Mr Keighley's statement said: "As a gesture of good faith we enclose a cheque for £15,000 to be deposited with the League as a bond until the management committee determine our protest." The League have ordered the Lancashiee club to pay Newcastle

The League have ordered the Lancashive club to pay Newcarde E15,000, the sum they owe for the transfer of Glen Keeley to Blackburn last August.

The League management committee also asked Blackburn to apologise for remarks the board made after the League's decision to put a ban on Blackburn signing any players until they had paid the £15,000. Blackburn were particularly critical of Lord Westwood, the Newcastle chairman, who is also president of the Football League.

Mr Keighley added: "In our statement there is no mention of an apology. We simply want a full and frank investigation of all the dealings between us and New-



Before her time: Tracy Austin, of the United States, has won several tournaments and is being hailed as "the new Christine Evert ". Miss Austin is 14.

## France faithful to winning combination

Paris, Feb 23.-The French (Dax), J.-C. Skréla (Stade Rugby Union selectors today chose the team which beat England.

3. at Twickenham last weekend to meet Sectland in the five nations championship here on March 5.

But the selection committee opted to stick by their winning combination in the third leg of their attempt on the "grand slam". The French team is:

#### Barbarians are forced to make changes

The Barbarians are forced to make four changes for the Mobbs Memorial match against East Midlands at Northampton roday (3.0). Philip Orr and Moss Keane were injured playing for Ireland last week and Fran Cotton and Tony Neary are on duty for Lancashire in the final of the county championship or Saturday. They are replaced by Robert Corling (Leicester), a new Bar-barian, Nicholas Martin (Harle-quins), Phillip Llewellyn (Swan-

the team are likely to win it again.

The Navy are playing under a considerable handicap. Bawtree is at sea and Chaplin, their No I a year ago, is playing as third string because he has recently spent more than three months studying Russian in Russia, which seems a reasonable place to do it. Until the past week, though, he has been starved of squash. Yesterday he made many mistakes and lost two games. But he got his shots working just in time and finished well against Nuticins, who could not quite manage without the unearned income he had so gratethe team are likely to win it again.

fully banked earlier in the match. This put the Navy level after the promising Arthur, a sound and sensible player, had disposed of Ralston, a Marine, whose ankles weer so thickly encased in layers of socks that it looked as if he was wearing boots. Scully put the RAF ahead by winning in straight games against Smith. Stokes, who has made more international appearances than any other British player, gave the RAF their deticate win. But Pool won the first game and had further cause for optimism when he came back from 3—8 to 8—8, in the third.

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The selectors had been expected to make a few changes in the pack, to rest two or three players who have had a hard season and to choose Guy Noves, of Toulouse, on Reuter.
The Irish Rugby Union are to spend at least £450,000 in a major reconstruction of the West stand at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, Work the wing in place of Dominique Harize, who has shown some weakness in defence.

rooms, and first-aid facilities, will begin at the end of the current season and be completed in time for the first international of the 1977-78 campaign, against Scotland next January.

The scheme will be largely self-financing. The IRFU are to sell up to 2,000 stand seats, which will be available for 10 seasons at £150 each. It is expected that this will bring in £300,000, with the IRFU providing another £150,000 from their own resources.

All seats offered for 10 year sale will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and may be purchased by deferred payments. slam". The French team is:
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## School plans to send team

on Japan tour
Plans to send the first British school rugby team to tour Japan were announced yesterday by Oakham School, Rutland. They hope to play eight games against other schools in Japan and the Far East in December. The headmaster, Mr. J. D. to be an historic enterprise. We believe the tour will stimulate increased support for the game in Japan and contribute to the goodwall between our two rugby nations." sea) and Fergus Slattery (Black-

to provide 1,600 extra seats, a new reception area, dressing rooms, and first-aid facilities, will

Squash rackets

## RAF prevail but somewhat

flattered by margin By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent The Royal Air Force beat the Royal Navy (reinforced by one marine) by 4—1 in the initer-Services squash rackets championship at Uxbridge yesterday. The Army, who play the Navy today and the RAF tomorrow have won the title for the pest two years and, with three internationals in the team are likely to win it seals.

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Norman.

Wolstenholme has won the title twice and Dunk once but, Norman, who turned professional only 12 months ago, will be playing the course for the first time. The veteran Kel Nagle could surprise because he likes the fast rolling greens and he has only to get his putter working to be a threat. The course is divided into two 36s with the first nine finishing with two par fives while the par fives on the second nine are on the 16th and 18th.

Miller will have his job cut out Nothing Barred 9 HOMES ..... \$2.75 Miller will have his job cut out trying to break the course record as Britain's Tony Jacklin shot a 63 in 1972. The national long driving championship will be con-ducted in conjunction with me fulle and the winner will receive \$2,300.—AP.

Conners ranked first again

Dallas, Feb 22.—Jimmy Connors, of the United States, is again, ranked world's number one, the position he has held since dethroning John Newcombe, of Australia, in July 1974. The computer's listings for this season was published by the Association of Tennis Professionals here today. Raul Ramirez, of Mexico, moves up one place, to fourth, but Raul Ramírez, of Mexico, moves up one place, to fourth, but Adriano Fanatta, of Italy, drops out of the top ten, his place being taken by Brian Gottfried, of the United States. Mark Cox, of Britain, is in 17th place. The rankings are:

1. J. Connors (US1: 2. B. Rorg (Sweden): 3, 1. Nastuse (Romanal): 4, R. Ramírez (Mexico): 5, G Vilsa (Argentina): 6, M. Orentes (Spain): 7, R. Solomon (US): 8, E. Dibse (US): 9, E. Solomon (US): 10, B. Gottfried (US): Agence France-Presse.

Athletics

#### Miss Sanderson called up for international

Melbourne, Australia. — The British Open champton John Miller has had a leap year so far but he gets the chance in the Victorian Open golf title starting roday to end his bad run. Miller Britain have called up Tessa Sanderson, for the hurdles, and Beverley Goddard, for the sprint for the Indoor international against France on Saturday. is the outstanding player in the 72-hole tournament at the Yarra Yarra golf club and has only to The selectors left a gap in each

event when they named the team earlier this week, in case Lords Boothe and Wendy Clarke, injured in San Sebastian and Genoa respectively, recovered. Both athletes are back in training, but do not yet consider themselves fit enough for top action. Other changes are : high jump

M. Palmer (Wolverhampton and Bilston) for M. Naylor (Hillingdon); long jump, T. Henry (Shaftesbury) for D. Thompson (Lissex, Beagles); pole vault, M. Bull (Wolverhampton and Bilston; women's 1,500 metres, P. (Wolverhampton Byrne (Wolverhampton and Bilston) for K. Colebrook (Scun-

thorpe). Tony Simmons and John Wild have been chosen by the English Cross Country Union to run in ship at Lisbon on Sunday.

Tennis

#### Two Britons to play in world series

New York, Feb 22.—Christine Evert, the defending champion, Martina Navratilova, of Czechoslovakia, and Virginia Wade and Susan Barker of Britain, were named today to play in the third annual women's world series of tennis in Treson Advance of the control of the annual women's world series of teams in Tucson, Arlzona, on April 16 and 17.

The tournament worth \$100,000 (about £60,000) has a winner's prize of \$50,000, the largest in women's tennis. Miss Evert, the world's top-ranked player, won the previous two finals.

She beat Billie Jean King, 4—6, 6—3, 7—6, in 1975 and Evonne Cawley, 6—3, 7—6 in 1976. The tournament, sponsored by Legs, a women's hoslery company, was held for the first two years in Lakeway, Teras.—Reuter.

FALM SPRINGS: FISH round: R. Bandrez (Mexico) beat B. Walls. 6—4. 6—2; C. Vilas (Argentine) beat M. Riessiat. 6—4. 6—2; G. Vilas (Argentine) beat M. Riessiat. 6—4. 6—2; R. Tanner best T. Koch (Braill) beat H. Rahim (Pakintan) 6—3. 6—2; S. Smith beat T. Corruna. 6—3. 7—6; H. Solomon beat A. Partison (Rhodestal) 6—1. 6—2; G. Masters (SA). 6—5. 6—2; G. Masters (Australia) beat J. Linyd (Bh. 6—2; C. Amritro (Ind'a) beat C. Dibloy (Australia) 7—6. 6—1. J. Filio) (Chile), beat R. Moore (SA). 4—6. 6—2. 6—3.

## Boxing

#### Stracey and Green to meet in March

The way is open for the promoter, Harry Levine, to make his long-promised announcement later this week of Britain's contest of the year. Dave Green, the British and European light-welterweight champion, cleared, the last obstacle, if somewhat uneasily, at the Albert Hall on Tuesday night by outpointing Mario Guilloti, of Argentina, over 10 rounds.

Argentina, over 10 rounds.

Mr Levine will announce that Green will meet the former world welterweight champion, John Stracey, at Wembley on March 29 even though Green's manager, Andy Smith, made it clear that financial agreement has not been reached. But it is unlikely that the parties will not reach an agreement for the richest non-title bout in Britain.

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The one stumbling block is the argument over Green's purse. Terms have been agreed wifth Stracey, but Smith's proposals have been turned down. "I have given them my terms and they have not agreed to them", said Smith. "The trouble is that Stracey has come back to boxing saying he is going to take such a figure. I want a guarantee of a 50-50 share. If that doesn't happen, Stracey can shadow-box. "So they will have to give me a percentage of the gate and ancillaries. After all, we can bring £20,000 worth of support." Green, the country boy who has provided his supporters with so much excitement, faced his first rejection from the crowd after Tuesday's gruelling battle. It was hardly deserved, for Guillott had a record of 60 contests, many in good company, and had not been knocked out.

Guilloti, built like a brick wall.

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presented a difficult task. He was
able to soak up all Green's best
punches, but did not have enough
skill to make use of his strength. It was an unrelenting affair with Green always going forward. Smith admitted afterwards that Gulliot was the last sort of opponent he would have liked with a big bout looming. with a big bout looming.

Indeed, he would have preferred
Green to have met Stracey himself. "Guilloti was a much harder
fighter than I amicipated for David
at this stage. If I had signed
already for Stracey, I would never
have let David fight tonight.

"I am giad "I am glad to see the back of this one. There is so much pressure on an occasion like this. You only have to look at the man's record to realise he is a tough cookie. He is one of those guys you could have knocked yourself

cookie. He is one of those guys you could have knocked yourself out hitting nothing."

Green may have been disappointed at having to go all the way, but he is not going to give a second thought to the booing. "The crowd did not worry me. They wanted me to finish him early and you can't just knock out a guy like that."

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new machines will make

Le Mans, Feb 23 .-Aston Martin will tak this years Le Mans 24 for the first time since race organizers said to said they had received: entry request from Rot ton, a Briton, to drive Martin DBS in the GT class.—Reuter.

Rugby League

Close-seasor visits may be restricted Tightening up on chovists by leading Englisto Australia will came if the Rugby League (its meeting in Leeds r accept a recommendation international committee clubs are concerned the

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Cycling .

## Merckx star

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ham they will carry the same weight. On terms that have favoured him Dramatist has already accounted for Night Nurse, Birds Nest and Comedy of Errors this season and it will be surprising if even Beacon Light at his best can give him this amount of weight.

The field also includes Hardatt, once a top class hurdler in France; Swift Shadow, his stable France; Swift Shadow, his stable and travelling companion from Newmarket; and Artifice, who has so disappointing. In the Schweppes Gold Trophy, for which he was favourite. Swift Shadow ran well up to a point behind Rirds Nesn at Sandown, but on this occasion I expect Beacon Light and Dramatist to fight out the finish with victory going to the latter.

Two new meetings

The Levy Board have made two mendments to the list of 18 extra amendments to the list of 18 extra jump flxtures announced on Tues-day. The meeting scheduled for Huntingdon on May 17 is can-celled and replaced by a meeting at Worcester un May 23. The meeting at Bangor-on-Dee on May 31 wil now take place on May 18.





4.15 FARNHAM STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £542: 2m) 4.45 FIELD-FARE MURDILE (Handicap : £691 : 2m) 3-1 True Song, 9-2 Tanuner Fore, 5-1 He delbern, 6-3-1 Foriorn Raid, 10-1 Hit Parade, 14-1 Comedians, 20-1

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 

## Johnsey sets sights on a double in Dortmund

Upton was ridden by Paddy AlcMohon for Fred Hartill under the Penwool prefix, but took to in the past with horses given up by others as confirmed refusers— Warpaiot, The Sea Hawk, Mattle Brown, and Salvador among them, lodeed, the £56,000 Askan, now being hunted in Scotland by Sir lingh Fraser, is perhaps his only

Caroline Bradley is the fourth member of the team, with the stallion Marius. True Less and either New Yorker or Berna, and Derek Ricketts returns to the front line with Hydrophane Coldstream. Rodney Ward's former three day erent horse, who switched to show jumping last year and won the Weish Jumping Derby only three

The riedrs will find their form

at the s'Hertogenbosch Show in Lie Netherlands, from March 11 to 13, before going on to Germany. Ten days later comes the first official international bases show that the team selectors are already making mental lists. One of the most burning questions in this department, now ornical international noise show of the season, for which the British team has yet to be named. Its composition will depend, of course, on the form shown in the Netherlands and Germany. The British Equestrian Federation is naturally anxious to retrieve our somewhat tarnished reputation in the field of top class international show jumping, and it is significant that only one amateur. Miss Johnsey, has been included in the

team. The three-day event riders have another month to go before any big event—in their case, Badminton, comes their way. But they too are only too well aware that this is Furenean championship year in all four equestrian disci-

to have too good strings to his bow in ..acob Jones and Tommy Buck, is what Lucinda Prior-Palmer will ride instead of Be Fair, now in retirement, to defend

European title.
Village Gossin is not yet ready, village Gossio is not yet trany, an das he was the obtious choice, on paper, it is good news that, in addition to the Straker brothers' standbys, George and Ruan, Miss standbys, Henry has again been standbys, George and Ruan, Miss, Prior-Palmer has again been offered Killaire. Having heen asked to take him on last August, only three weeks before Burghley, who othe horse was only half fit, this extraordinarily gifted and determined young rider defied all the pundits by riding him into second whee



Irish? Danlop, the Ircland international (wearing No 13), misses with a shot tainst an HA XI at New Malden yesterday.

## e-goal revival comes in Tooze

UAU XI 2 resenting the Hockey drawn from the Under-21 maining defect into victor iniversities Athletic beir annual match The game, hastily om Motsper Park to lebeol of Economics we Malden, reached climas. de were two goals

time and up to the o tree second half ely to recover. But ddenly underwent a ormation in the last and at the end, will ence in disarray, the early had a fourth Waush with a band

e midway in the obviously weakened fence but some unalways perceptible line. With the assistuti international forof Wales and Dunlop they always looked

Cottrell, with his usual artistic touch, set up most of the UAU's attacks and was their best player. In the first baif they tooked immensurably superior and were worth the lead they had taken in the 22nd minute after some fierce bitting by both sides.

birting by both sides.

The HA defence was penalized for obstruction inside the circle and Cottrell converted the short corner with a snot supersity struck along the ground. Four minutes later Brichell cleared the way for Cottrell to push in a centre for the right from Wolven.

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Entering the second half with a slightly reorganized side the hist train began to look more assertive. Land give way to Taylor in defence and, later, Francismaile way for Tooze in attack. Little did one know what elfect these substitutes would nave on the game. Fart, the UAU goal-keeper, who often found himself stranded, made two splendld saves off succesive shots from Hayward. This seemed to be the signal for the HA slde to attack and in the 12th minute a shot from Duthle from a short corner landed in the net off a defender's stick.

All the subtle refinements of Cowx. Dunlop and Cottrell for the

UAU had little effect on the HA side, whose strength in midfield began to tell. With their confidence restored they put the UAU delence treatered they put the UAU delence under considerable prescure, no one feeling the weight of it more than the goalkeeper. After Waugh had departed, Tyrrell, who had earlier been replaced, came back and the HA forwards found the extra room they needed. Taylor's goal from a long corner was of his own making, and Tooke followed up with the match winger from a pass on the right by Dauban. At that stace the HA forwards were in

the right by Dauban. At that stage the HA forwards were in size the HA forwards were in full cry.

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## New Zealanders unsettled by wide angle attack

By Joyce Whitehead North 1

second place.

New Zealanders 0 The North put an end to the (a draw and two wins since arrive ing in England on February 14) at the Pilkington recreation ground, St Helens, yesterday. Surprisingly, the New Zealanders were made to look slow. North, joint territorial winners with West, adapted better to the wet conditions though tha was not the chief reason for heir success.

They attacked on a wide front and made many inroads into the New Zealand defence. North had most of the play in the first half most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Comtrol Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the Srd Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at the conditional most of the play in the first half when rain stopped play. They were the MCC and the two-day which begins on Friday.

\*\*Most of the unofficial four-day "Test" and the unoffici at the Pilkington recreation They attacked on a wide front and made many inroads into the New Zealand defence. North had most of the play in the first half when Margaret Souyave, who played well throughout, scored the only goal from a penalty corner on the left. On the few occasions in the first half when their rivals did break away they looked dangerous. dangerous.

Adrience Alleway was brought in at left inner for the New Zeain at left inner for the New Zealanders in the second half and the term settled down better. Miss Alleway came near to scoring the equalizer in the 35th minute. She was only denied by the superb gosikeeping of loyce Kenyon. However, the North were far from finished and from one of Mararet Souvare's many good crosses Verona Noian all but scored. Her whot was well parried by Gall Ferusson, the goalkeeper.

Miss Kenyon did not have a Fergusson, the goalkeeper.

Miss Kenyon did not have a great deal to do, but she dealt ably with those shots that came her way. It says much for the determination and spirited teamwork of the North that they were able to beat this New Zealand ream

team. the Lancashire On cricket ground at Old Trafford, at the weekend, New Zealand are taking part in an international B ream tournament with England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Netherlands, Play starts on Friday at two o'clock and on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

NORTH: J. Kenyon (Lancashire); S. Duckworth (Lancashire). A. Luni (Lancashire). C. Craig (Ducham); E. Grainge (Ducham). L. Carr (Lancashire). M. Souyave (Lancashire). M. Souyave (Lancashire). V. Nolan (Lancashiro). A. Edwards (Lancashire). D. Haseiten (Lancashire). D. Haseiten (Lancashire). NEW ZEALAND: G. Fergus tunno. M. Gooder, P. White arwick, G. Horspool, L. St ell. J. McDonald, J. Phil unn. Sub. A. Alleway.



Richards . . . made sure the Pakistan bowlers suffered.

## Richards in charge as W. Indies chase runs

-West Indies made a confident and chanceless start in their attempt to make 306 on the final day of the first Test against Pakistan here today. At lunch Roy Fredericks and Viv Richards had put on another 88 runs without loss to leave West Indias on 139 loss to leave West Indies on 129 for one and then West Indies moved to 166 for three.

PAKISTAN: First Innings, 439 (Wasim Raja 117 not out, Marid Khan 86: J. Gurner 4 for 130) Second Innings

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Roberts ... Willim Barl. not out Emtras (b 39, I-b 11, n-b 28)

This morning both batsmen were sometimes forced to hurry their strokes when the ball came off the pitch at an unexpected angle but generally the bowlers received little help. Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistan captain, tried five bowlers. They all bowled rightly and this towether with tightly and this, together with some excellent fielding, kept the scoring rate down.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-68, 7-105, 4-105, 5-108, 6-115, 7-126, 8-146, 9-136, 10-391, 8-15, 10-391, 17-4-56-2: Croft, 15-5, 17-4; Feater, 8-2-54-1; Richerts, 2-9-16-0. WEST INDIES: First innings 421 (C. H. Lloyd 167, D. L. Murray 52). R. Fredericks b String Nowaz C. Grocnidge c Washin Raja b Sarfraz Kawaz V R'Chards, c Sadiq Mohammad b Sarfraz Nawaz A I. Kelichafan, not oui C. H. Lloyd, not oui

## New Zealand seize a draw after reaching for a win

At tea, a New Zealand victory

looked possible, with the score on 203 for three and 147 more runs needed to win. But soon it was 238 for five, and when Dennis Lillee took two wickets with successive deliveries, and Max Walker claimed another. New Zealand were in trouble at 250 for eight, 89 runs behind.

The Australian fast bowlers had their tails up, but Congdon and Dayle Hadlee played out 11 overs to hold them off. New Zealand finished on 293 for eight, 56 runs behind. They had needed 338 nu this final day to win the match

runs behind. They had needed 338 on this final day to win the match. Congdon went in at number three and scored an unbeaten 107 in 293 minutes, including 11 fours. Dayle Hadlee scored only eight, but stayed 53 crucial minutes in the face of everything the formidable Australian attack could hurl

at mm.

Glen Turner and Geoffrey

Howarth, resuming the New

Zealand second inhings this morn-Zealand second inhings this morning at 12 for no wicket, took their opening partnership to 76. Both fell at this score, Turner to O'Keeffe, for 36, and Howarth to Gilmour, for 28.

John Parker, who made 21, helped Congdon in a third wicket stand of 58 and New Zealand made axcellent, progress when Mean them.

stand of 58 and New Zealand made excellent progress when Mark Burgess joined Congdon in a fourth wicket partnership of 90. At 218 for three, New Zealand a., ared to have a real chance of reaching the 350 needed to win. But Burgess departed at this total, having made 39, and four more wickets fell for the addition of only 42 runs. At 260 for eight

Christchurch, Feb 23.—New Zealand's ninth wicket pair, Cong-don and Dayle Hadlee, hung on to earn a draw for their country in the first Test here today.

Congdon and Dayle Hadlee had to dig in to save the match.

Walker was the most successful Australian bowler with four wickets for 65 runs. wickets for 65 runs.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, 552 (K. D. Waiters 250, G. J. Gilmour 101). Second innings, 15-1 for J dec (R. B. McCobker 77 not put. MEM ZEALAND: First Innings, 357 M. G. Burgess 66, H. L. Howarth 61, K. J. O'Kesffe 5 for 101. Gilmour
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E. J. Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WIGNOTS: 1-70, 2-70, 2-104, 4-018, 5-238, 6-245, 7-045, 8-960.

BOWLING: Lilies, 18-1-70-20, Walker, 25-6-50-4; Cilmour, 15-1-10-150-1; Chappell: 11-0-33-0.

Christchurch, Feb 23.—Lees, the New Zealand wicketkeeper, has been left out for the second Test against Australia, starting in Auckland on Friday. Lees injured his shoulder during the first Test and his place has been given to leek Educate. Jock Edwards.

Peter Petherick, the off-spinner, and Jeremy Coney, the Wellington batsman who had to pull out of the Christchurch Test through illthe Christchurch Test through illness, are included in the New
Zealand party of 13, which is:
G. M. Turner (captain), G. P.
Howarth, B. E. Congdon, M. G.
Burgess, J. V. Coney, J. M.
Parker, G. N. Edwards, H. J.
Howarth, R. J. Badlee, D. R.
Hadlee, B. L. Cairns, E. J. Chatfield, P. J. Petherick.—Reuter.

## Brearley's steady progress

President's XI first innings of 238-when ralu stopped play. They were 74 for three at lunch.

Brearley had made a steady 81 in 270 minutes with seven bound-aries and was luoking set for a century when play was abandoned. Barlow, dropped at 36, went on to make an unbeaten 46. Their un-broken parmership was worth 105 runs.

runs.

The shower was perhaps welcome to the MCC team, who were suffering in the stifling heat. They return to Colombo tomorrow for

Test and county

today. The first class game's three one-

day competitions are already spon-sured and the board have inti-mated that they are open to offers for the Test matches and the county champlonship.

Peter Lush, secretary of the pro-

motions and public relations sub-committee, refused to say yester-day whether the Tests or the championship were involved in the

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#### Ceremonial opening to Test in Melbourne The Test and County Cricket Board, which distributed over 1900.000 in profits last season, will announce details of another "major sponsorship" at Lord's Melbourne, Feb 23.—Next

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D. W. Randall, 'R. W. Tokhard C. M. Old, G. Miller, G. A. Cope M. W. W. Selvey did not bat.

BOWLING: R Gunatilleke 10—1—29 Soysa 6—0—18—1, Samarasekera 4—0—55—1, Wouters: 16—0—48— Ranasinghe 5—0—19—0.

PALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-24,

month's centenary Test between tralia and England at the Meibourne Cricket Ground will be the first Australian Test match to have a ceremonial opening. Mr David Richards, secretary of the Vic-torian Cricket Association, told a press conference here today that massed bands from the Australian services would start the cerc-monies on March 12: playing together for the first dine on an together for the first time on an Country of the Cueen and the Duke of Edinburgh would visit the ground on March 17

Boxing

MONTREAL: Mindloweight: Joan-Guide Lecidir Grew with Elisha Obed

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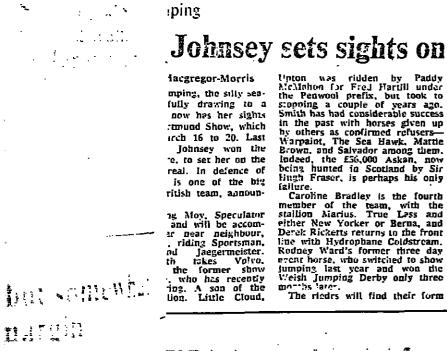
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## Hawking and hunting

By Melvin J. Lasky (Macmillan, £15)

Melvin Lasky has been the editor of Encounter magazine for nearly 20 years, and has, in his own way, become some-thing of an institution in intellectual journalism and ideological polemics. Long before this, he was also an American "combat historian" in Europe. Both roles need to be borne in mind in reaching some balanced assessment of this extremely learned, but over-long and strangely melancholy compilation of revolutionary disenchantment, which is clearly intended as his credo and magnum opus.

The theme of his 700 pages is that of the inevitable, the necessar catastrophe which ensues when men try to project Utopian dreams into revolutionary realities. It is best summed up by his quotation from the Polish poet Zbigniew The predictions of poetry are

Everything happened differently.
The fire in the poem was one thing

A town in flames was another. Mr Lasky pursues this threnody, "hawking and hunting" as he puts it (quoting Locke, not the Pentagon), across five centuries from Thomas More to Trotsky, in a knowledgeable but exhausting series of locally consenting series of loosely connected (and series of toosety connected (and sometimes overlapping) essays, without evident chronology, but swirling mainly around the English revolution of the seventeenth, and the French Revolution of the eighteenth century, with many apt parallels, parentheses, and dexterous topical cross-references. His greatest delight lies in the marginal and "ambivalent" figures of idealogical history. Cleanage ideological history — Giordano Bruno, Tommaso Campanella, Jan Comenius, Samuel Hartlib, James Howell, Marchamont

Utopia and Revolution Hannah Arendr's On Revolution (1963), is attempted; nor is there any full examination of detailed case histories, as in W. H. G. Armytage's Heavens Below (1961). The work is, as one of the three subtitles has it, illustrative. With the exception of Cromwell, who is seen in dramatic confrontation with a Fifth Monarchist, the book also avoids prolonged contact with the great and greatly varied practitioners of revolutionary idealism — Hampden, Robespierre, Mirabeau, Wash-ington, Garibaldi, Lenin, Mao or Castro. Mr Lasky seems to avoid, as it were, their direct

> Mr Lasky's writing is exhausting because he cannot resist the temptation to add just one more quotation, just one more illustration, just one more name. Narrative and argument are continually smothered in dizzy mounds of source material, and finally choked out by no less than 100 pages of notes in small print. A typical note (to one page) contains miniature page) contains miniature reviews, with extracts, of Raymond Williams' Modern Tragedy, Lucien Goldmann's The Hidden God, George Steiner's The Death of Tragedy, together with references to Marx, Pascal, Racine, Kant, Cockle Hessel, Frank Kormade Goethe, Hegel, Frank Kermode, Thomas Mann, Bertholt Brecht, Faust, and a certain Wolfgang Harich. This as I say is one note to one page. The page itself contains reference to Lukacs, Mann, the "late Franz Borkanau" Postoversky Merry

Mann, the "late Franz Borkenau." Instoyersky, Marx and Mandeville, and approxi-mately one-third is quotation. The page also has a second The book's central thesis, or most recurrent observation, is that the very language of the utopian revolutionary contains the elements of his own undoing. Mr Lasky puts this with characteristic emphasis.

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circumstances over turbulent centurles, been dominated by what we may think of as a metaphorical imperative. It has, now as then, always been close to the spark wind, the volcano and the earth-quake, and above all the circles of time and the progressions of The "metaphorical impera-' is a serviceable notion, and it allows Mr Lasky to per-

form skilful autopsies on the manifestos and correspondence of his carefully screened utopians. This is done with wit, relish, and a good deal of sound and fury. Yet as theorist after theorist bites the ideological dust, one begins to have doubts. Certainly revolutionaries get carried away by their hopes; certainly the pattern of terror, dictatorship, and reaction, is terribly familiar; certainly it is possible to argue that revolution is always a mistake. But to argue that it is a linguistic mistake, a "semantic error", a confusion of metaphor and social fact, is something else. It is sophistry.

It comes as a sudden shock to realize that almost nowhere in this great catalogue of disillusion is there any discussion of the social and economic conditions—the poverty, the injus-tice, the exploitation—that are the actual basis for all revolutionary movements and all utopian longings, and also the human reality in which revolu-tionary language and its fiery metaphors are forged. (Or is metaphors are forged. (Or is this, too, semantic error?) When Gerrard Winstanley is ad-monished as one of "an im-patient generation of furious men", nothing is said of the mud cottages on St George's Hill, or the beatings-up in the night organized by the Vicar of Horsely.

There is, however, at least one section entitled "the English Ideology", which is valuable and peculiarly firted to his theme. Lasky examines, in unusual detail, the crushing impact of French revolutionary violence on the English intel-lectuals of the 1790s. Here, the

lectuals of the 1790s. Here, the old "combat historian" seems to re-emerge, conscious of tension, locale, and the very smell of excitement and fear. There are masterly portraits of Horne Tooke, Major Cartwright, Southey, Wordsworth, Hazlitt, James Mackintosh, Mrs Barbauld, and Tom Paine in Paris, and the irresistible onset of intellectual and emotional revultellectual and emotional revul-sion is vividly described, and painfully felt. It is an historical moment and grouping that obviously appeal deeply to Mr Lasky's outlook, and the vision of Tom Paine in his flat in the of Tom Paine in his flat in the rue du Théâtre-Français, after his release from prison (he escaped the guillotine by sheer luck—his cell-door chalkmarked on the wrong side), seems oddly symbolic of the whole position. "After I had waited a short time, Mr Paine came down stairs, and entered the room, dressed in a long flainel gown. I was forcibly struck with his altered appearance. Time seemed to have made dreadful ravages over his whole frame, and a settled whole frame, and a settled melancholy was visible on his

Towards the end of this vast makes some effort to identify himself with an English " high middle ground" between the extremes of revolution and re-action, which he sees emerging in the writings of men like Mac-kintosh. J. S. Mill, and Tocque-ville. He calls this the "sweet dream", and no doubt he is sincere. Yet the overall tone of Utopia and Revolution is not genuinely liberal, either in style or strategy. Its characteristic drive is to discredit and be-little those who have believed and acted in utopian faith, to drown political idealism in brilliant sophistications. It strikes me as a sad business.

Richard Holmes | meey, de la Tour, Piero della Francesca, Correggio awaits re-



## Yielding to pleasure

The Paintings of Correggio By Cecil Gould

(Faber, £50) About a hundred years ago, Henry James noted two artists as "the best examples of unacademical art "; Murillo, and the avowedly superior Correg-gio. In fact, Correggio was already somewhat under a cloud, being allegedly responsible in part for the grave aberrations of the late sixteenth century and the whole seven-teenth century—and thus in-deed Henry James: "Correggio made up in a measure for inheriting no mannerism, by forming one ..."

A bit unjust, for when in-terest revived in Mannerism terest' revived in Mannerism ranked second among the and the ensuing Baroque of the seicento, it was led by the new race of professional arthistorians, yet failed to focus very often on Correggio, proto-Mannerist or proto-Baroquist though he might be held to be.

The standard work on Correg-The standard work on Correggio was Ricci's, of 1896, (though revised in 1930), and though there have been major contributions (notably A. E. Popham's study of the drawings), there has been no fresh and thorough re-appraisal of the work from the ground this century. Mr Gould has supplied it. It is an event, and one hopes it will be recognized as such. In 1700, even 1800, it would certainly have been given due recognition, but now? It is strange how the allure of this enchanting painter has to fascinate the late twentieth century (which Mr Gould roundly accuses of frivo-lity). Unlike others recently "rediscovered" such as Ver-

like painters, he vanishes under scrutiny. He lived apart, a provincial, in Parma. He died young, in 1536, in his forties (characteristically, his birth date is uncertain); his work was clearly renowned throughout Italy yet his corrically. out Italy, yet his curriculum vitae, apart from his works, is given by the merest handful of dry documents, contracts, legalities, depositions, wills (but not his own). But unlike Vermeer or the others, his work was not neglected. One of the reasons for saluting Mr Gould's endeavour is indicated by the fact that for two centuries or more, in those hierarchies of merit that critics loved to draw up, Correggio often, even usually,

part of it-may not be imme-diately appealing, so much of it Madonnas and Saints, but may distract attention from the revolutionary manner in which it is often handled. That delightful froth of putti, naked babes, that corruscates in so many of his paintings, may remind some too sharply of the Water Babies. But even so, why are not the mythologies and allegories more immediately and irresistibly appealing to all? Is the delicacy of
eroticism, gaiety even, or for
example the adolescent Cupid
and Danae stretching the sheet for the shower of gold, in the Villa Borghese, simply too delicate (and, I was going to say, too gay—alas for a ruined word)? Part of the present difficulty in appreciating him

discovery by a majority may also be that, while like any major artist, he is time-less, in another way he seems to belong almost specifically to later periods to which he has no right—not only Mannerism. and the Baroque, but the Rococco. There are moments when one feels almost that certain tain passages might belong to Fragonard if the latter had been an even better artist. And then, in the adjective that Henry James applied, he is also unacademical." His work resists being slotted into a niche in an academic intellectual structure. It is much simpler, when looking at the works of his maturity, just to yield to pleasure than to even think of extracting points from them with which to score.
Of all this Mr Gould is well

aware, though he is obliged, by the nature of his task, to avoid such self-indulgence. His is probably not the work from which sudden reawakening of interest everywhere will spring, but such a reawakening is unlikely to happen without it. This is a deeply and minutely scholarly and scientific book: the lay reader will find it hard going as he gropes from text to figures in the text to the formidable array of places in the back (a volume solution might have been better). It is concerned with fact, with condition, Xrays; formal relationships, in-fluences, borrowings; with techniques and chronology and occasions. It includes a full catalogue in the full-dress of the National Gallery catalogues, in which field Mr Gould is a proven master, and it sets out a revised canon to which work on Correggio will have to refer for many decades

**David Piper** 

## Bringing joy

P. G. Wodehouse

Owen Dudley Edwards (Martin, Brian & O'Keeffe, £4) Wodehouse at Work to the End

By Richard Usborne

(Barrie & Jenkins, £5.95) When P. G. Wodehouse died, Owen Dudley Edwards asked a Carmelite friend to remember him at Mass. "Well, I will since you asked me", came the reply, "but in the case of somereply, "but in the case of some-one who has brought joy to so many people in the course of his life, do you think it's neces-

My sentiments exactly about most critical studies. Just as hardly a week goes by without the publication, at some vast price, of a thesis on an obscurer point on Years or Hardy (the current graduate favourites) so I dread the Wodehouse wordsmiths, Terry Eagleton is no doubt readying a Marxist view of Blandings, to be called, I suggest, Summer Moonshine.

But exceptions in all things. Richard Usborne, to whom must go the first chair in Wodehouse studies in the English department of some enlightened university, has revised his affectionate study which first appeared in 1961. With 13 more published novels since then, and still one to come, he skilfully weaves in new thoughts and instances: Wodehouse and sex (not much to go on), Wodehouse the author of situation comedy (such a label, Usborne's essence of PGW, sounds dangerously near the graduate thesis). He points to the intricacies of the plotting that any crime writer must admire; those double-edged descriptions (" Many a man may look respectable, and yet be able to

hide at will behind a spiral staircase"); the mastery in style that was evident even in his early stories. Edwards ouotes from a Mulliner varn; "What! What! What! What

What!"
The bishop, the general, and the herdmaster hed spoken simultaneously: and the "What's" had been distributed as follows:

The Bishop ......
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The Headmaster ... sking five in all.

Edwards, a lecturer in American history at the University of Edinburgh, is a Wodehouse en-thusiast who falls into the error, unlike Usborne, of taking his subject too seriously. One can hear the echoes of "Eureka!" as he suggests the link between the Empress of Blandings and Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Pigling Bland: "Blandings . . .

pig . . . Pigling Bland 1 "
His comparisons of the textual revisions in Leave it to Psmith (the original serial and the pub lished novel) make a less reveal ing appendix than Usborne's study of the French translation of Joy in the Morning in which, to quote but one morsel, the character Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright becomes Potter Pirbright-

Incidentally Mr Edwards sug-Rests that the final Wodehouse to be published in July) is a Jeeves story. Not so, as Usborne describes in some detail, Wodehouse left all but complete the manuscript of a Blandings novel. And sadly for Edwards, who kicks at the misprints in recent editions of the novels his printers have turned Lord Emsworth into a cannibal (quoting from one of the Blandings short stories) with the

And a slice or two of man? As Wodehouse remarked elsewhere: "Unseen, in the backwhere: ground, Fate, was quietly slip-ping the lead into the boxing

Ion Trewin

## Crime

Case Closed By June Thomson (Constable, E3.50)

Here is a crime-writer to be encouraged with shouts and cries, library tickets and sums of £3.50. This is her fourth book. Her first in 1972 made, sorry to say, no impression on me, but her second, still rather too sub-dued for complete success, coupled a decidedly real por-trait of a believable country inspector with a loving one of an Essex village. But it is now that the tight buds there have broken into flower. Perhaps this story of how criminals' greed re-opens the case of a teenage girl found dead on the Essex marshes is flawed by early pages in which some failure of the penetrating imagination leads to thoughts being put into minds unlikely to have them, but as soon as events are seen through the eyes of the admirable Inspector Finch we reach a high level of achieve-

Two qualities chiefly provide the pleasure that Miss Thomson can give. First, she writes very well about the countryside. No blather, no romanticizing, but quiet observation plainly conducted with love, a love that comes off the page. Second, she understands people as well as she understands the processes of nature. Observation and compassion play their equal parts here, and especially her portrait of Inspector Finch is simultaneously both likely, in that she eschews any of those marker-flags of some eccentricity which most other practi-tioners rely on, and individual. He is a real person, quiet, with passions, with a listened-to-instinct, with shynesses. I am ready to join him in the unhurrying chase whenever he sets off again.

But such qualities are not al-

together enough for successful crime entertainment. What is needed as well, above all, is a story. And this she provides. That is the recipe for success. Bake more, Miss Thomson. Maigret and the Spinster, by

Georges Simenon (Hamish Hamilton, £3.25). Story from 1942 of compassionately seen mean existences in Paris sub-urbs with unusual deliciously funny funeral sequence. Not quite peak period, but (Fine translation: Ellenbogen.)

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know not just how it ends but what's on every next page. The Once A Year Man, by Miles Tripp (Macmillan, £3.50). Tripp you to over the edge of credibility but makes you read on, hypnotized. As in this story of bewildered British business-

Murder in Mimicry, by Anne Morice (Macmillan, 23.25). Actress heroine encounters classic mystery during Wash-ington run. Characters with air of being taken from life, plus a proper breathlessness.

H. R. F. Keating once, of course. At least Miss Barney, who died in 1972 at

Fiction

## Modern marriage The Wife ing one part of her life CS

By Judith Burnley (Heinemann, £2.90)

Everything about Judith Burn-ley's first book appears to have the same direct simplicity as the title. Its cover, its contents and its principal character Sarah all present themselves in a plain, disarming, frontal manner. Such unaffectedness is not without effect.

Indeed, the tone so disposes you to accept the narrative as a straightforward account of the book's single theme-marriage—that it is some time before you recognize it is not strictly normal to conduct two marriages at once. Only given. Sarah's generosity of love is it possible to rise from one bed in the morning, hop down the road and climb into another bed bearing tea and mast. Again appearances deceive. Do not mistake this as the behaviour of a free and independent woman shaping life the way she wants it. In between preparing a series on the ina-dequacy of modern marriage for her magazine Sarah is multiplying the female capacity for subservience, man-main-tenance and discardment by a least two because Sarah manages to yield to one wher and only marginally resist two other men in addition to husband Adam and lover Zack. On the whole the present this the whole she organizes this busy life calmly. Though resenting the way her men rank her life as secondary to their own while still having the cheek to run her life the busy like calmiy. 100gg strokes, I remember root resenting the way her men this book. The fact that rank her life as secondary to end her girlfrield Me their own while still having the cheek to run her life the ing "womb" for "root way they think it ought to be, she is far from acrimonious about it. But then Sarah's temperament is more successfully programmed for the doormat treatment than most. At the office, her colleague Miles will not let ber pass without pinch-

ing one part of her and foundly covering At home, her girifrie tries to commit a mi cide and even (I think assume from the plea give me") tries to Sarah's husband.

As a study of marr book does not entire although the interspers written quotes of Sar viewees strike telli "So here I am - nice nice kids, good job, lover, plenty of all I'm just looking for to fail in love with all.") If the suggestion marriage has foundere perfectly obvious that for one will happily use base for extending the imbalance of power to tinuing extra-marital And while the man relationship may well h universal rendency. Do what attempts are made ress the balance, I think the book is reall ing a successful genera osition. It works best as cific study of one woman willingness to please abuse from men and

abuse from men and alike—a book, moreove avoids any plaintive chowriting is likeable for and kindly quality.

But Mrs Burnley's grength lies outside characters altogether. Sievoke place and atmomarvellously with lean, strokes, I remember roc strokes. I remember ro

sense of the clevern creetly at work bene Facing up to death

By Anthony Burgess (Hutchinson, £4.25) Azadi By Chaman Nahal (André Deutsch, £4.25)

Gropers, or a Splendid View of St Pancras **By Fred Basnett** (Gollancz £4.95) Beethoven's Nephew

By Luigi Magnani

(W. H. Allen, £3.50) More than twenty-six years spent in constructing a mythology a joint memory-bank, a signalling system of grunt and touch—all gone, wasted." touch—all gone, wasted," reflects the hero of Anthony Burgess's new novel, alone and adrift in Rome following the death of his wife Leonors from cirrhosis of the liver; and much of this witty, subtle and immensely sympathetic novel is concerned with facing up to death—one's own, and those of the people one loves and learning to live without the re-assuring familiarities of "a

private language, a shared his-A likeable, boozy very vul-nerable figure, Ronald Beard is a middle-aged scriptwriter specializing in historical extrava-ganzas. After Leonora's death he meets up with an Italian photographer who has recently left her husband, but no sooner has he joined her in Rome than she leaves to cover

the Six Day War. Left to his own devices, Beard is haunted by voices and vision from his past. He receives disconcerting tele-phone calls in which Leonora's voice assures him that she is not dead; an old crony from Malaya himself a ghost-like relic from the fag-end of empire, and a wonderfully comic figure—tells him that he

has recently spotted her in Park Lane; he runs into an old flame from 20 years back at Rome airport. Beard's confu-sion and uncertainty are aggra-vated when a doctor's report gives him only six months to live: yet for all his tribula-tions—which include gang rape at the hands of four insatiable ladies—the novel ends on a heartening, almost triumphant,

lt's a far cry from Ronald Beard's supernatural visitations to the Partition of India in Chaman Nabal's Azadi. Lala Kanshi Ram and his family form part of the Hindu minority in a small Punjabi town. As rumours of comtown. As rumours of com-munal massacres on both sides of the border filter through in the weeks following independence they reluctantly prepare to leave a familiar setting in which they suddenly feel un-

Beard's Roman Women wanted and afraid; and man Nabal's impressive elegantly written novel their trials and tribulated they are shuffled from refugee camp to anoth; their way to an unwelcd and unwelcoming—exile. is less concerned with s' ties of character than wit fearful implications of politics for whole com ties: the blurb's claim ti "tells more of the truth Partition than any hist study" may well be per

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It is a relief to turn from the composer's letters and ings: the countryside r Vienus is beautifully ev-and Beethoven himself c and Beethoven himself of across as a lonely, tetchy, loveless old man. The tra

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Crisp (Duckwords)
Admirers of The Nation Servant (Duckworth, 1435) Fontana, 85p) will themselves in familiar tory in this short. S romp through post war Evia. Mr Crisp has a nimble with words, but the story runs out of steam whole enterprise curiously lifeless air-

Jeremy La

Ouick guide

Life and Loves of Natalie Barney, by George Wickes (W. H. Allen, £5.95). "Natalie Barney is a perfect example of an enchanting person not to write about", but American academics like Mr Wickes, perhaps because their own lives are so dull, continue to fantasize about what it was like to be an American in Paris in the 1920s. Miss Barney was a Cincinnati lady of immense means with literary and lesbian interests who ran a salon where "all the more presentable dykes in town were on hand a (Truman Capote) and where you might, on a good day, have stumbled upon Anatole France, Proust, Gide, Cocteau, Valéry, Rilke, D'Annunzio, Joyce, Eliot, Pound, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and Gertrude Stein. Not all at

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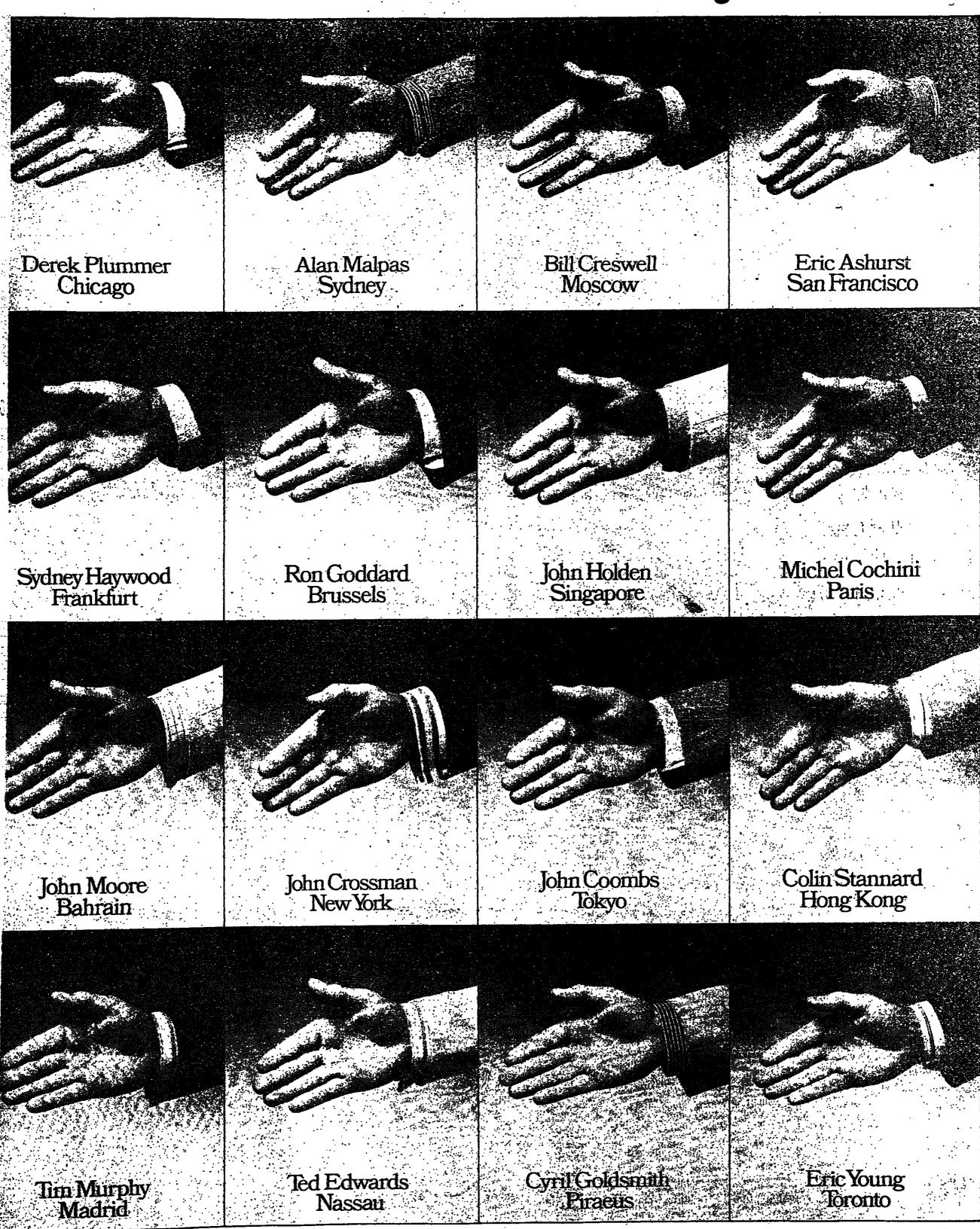
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family heirlooms to raise morey again is undoubtedly shocking. but rises. ber predicament is no different from a vast number of single elderly widows who are having growing difficulty meeting their

living expenses. Lady Spencer-Churchill is 91. She has been a widow for 12 rears, a very familiar situation in a society where husbands tancy of women is some seven years longer than that of men. Her position is different from that of most widows in Britain

for its scale alone: she lives in a rented flat in Knightsbridge overlooking Hyde Park, for which she pays £900 a year in rates. She has a night nurse, a secretary-companion and some taken immense pains in recent years to keep her financial troubles from her family, and like millions of others she has been hit by inflation, taxation and falling investment income. Accustomed to a certain style and comfort, she has suffered particularly from rising fuel costs, dearer food and rates rising at an alarming speed.

Lady Spencer-Churchill's only income, apart from investments, is a state retirement pension of £15.30. Many other widows are not as fortunate. To qualify for this Sir Winston must have onted to pay state contributions when the scheme was intro-duced in 1948. Had he failed to do so-as many men of his age and in his financial position did-then Lady Spencer-Churchill would not have been entitled to an automatic old age pension at 60.

She would in fact have had to wait until the age of 80 before receiving any form of pension at all, and even then it would have amounted to just course, supplementary benefits to cover women in cases of extreme hardship—£12.70 a week after rent and rates have been paid, or £15.70 after the age of 60. But one of the constant features of middle-class widows in particular is a sense of shame in applying for supplementary benefits, or simple

ignorance of their existence. Sir Winston left £266,000, of which a third went to his wife. Lady Spencer-Churchill there fore has a certain amount of investment income-but here particularly she will have been hit by the fact that the tax threshold and allowances have not kept up with inflation.

As a single person she has an allowance of £735 untaxed income. On her unearned investments, like everyone else, she has to pay 35 per cent standard tax on the first £5,000 income (rising to 83 per cent above £20,000), as well as the unearned income surcharge. Being over 65, she pays no surcharge at all for the first £1,500, 10 per cent on the next £500, nd 15 per cent on the rest.

A fixed, if not dropping inmatched by sharply rising costs. Nowhere is this more notice-able than with heating bills, where the cost of electricity has more than doubled in the past two years. The reaction of many widows faced by these

bills has simply been to use less heating—at the time in their lives when they could do with more. A woman on sup-plementary benefits, or registered as disabled, can apply for a heating allowance—but for the standard pension rate, and she must have virtually nothing in the way of capital.

Rent and rates have presented growing problems, all the harder to handle because, unlike food and heating they can-

not be avoided. A number of companies now offer schemes allowing elderly widows to buy annuities against their houses. The Save and Prosper Group lend widows over the age of 70 a maximum of £25,000 against the freehold or long lease of their house or flat. After applying for tax relief at the higest rate on the loan in-terest a widow over 70 can get £423 a year on a house valued

There are just over three to her estate—which in turn million widows in Britain—but has to pay off the loan. The only half that number of advantage in such a scheme is widowers. The revelation this that it takes into account ris-week that Lady Spencering market values of property: week that Lady Spencer-ing market values of property: Churchill is having to sell a widow can botrow more against the house as its value

Αt the other end of the scale the State system paradoxi-cally favours widows who ere better housed, over ones living in one-room flats. Rather than move a woman lodged in a three-roomed flat when her husband dies, the Department of Health and Social Security tend to be older than their sometimes prefers to meet the asked to enact it. wives, and where life expect rent and rates of her home in ceutral London, rather than try to rehouse her in a one-room

Health, however, is probably the single most decisive factor in any elderly person's life. While in good health many widows prefer to try to make ends meet, relying on kind friends and family for occadomestic help. But in other respects her situation is identified when widows she has drastic. Nursing care at home is coo exhorbitant to be con-sidered. The alternatives can

flat on the outskirts.

be grim.

It is here that charities providing for the elderly probably play their greatest part. A widow applying for a place in a private nursing home can claim supplementary benefit from the DHSS (though to do so she must have less than £1,250 capital). She will then receive £21 a week towards board and lodging (this varies from area to area and is as low as £11 a week in Wales); an extra allowance of £2,75 for long-term stays; an allowance long-term stays; an allowance of £3.50 for "care and attention" and £4.60 a week pocket money. This comes to £31.85. The cheapest weekly place in a nursing home however now comes to between £50 and £55

for a shared room, and E70 for a single room, and costs rise the time. At the top end of the scale a single room in a nursing home can come to £200 a week. What this means that without the help of the charities, no widow without a generous private income can

generous private income can afford a room in a private nursing home at all.

But the role of charities extends well beyond help with nursing fees. They can, for instance, give gifts of up to £50 for hearing grants in winter, or towards special diets. pay the rental and licence of pay the rental and licence of a television set (black and white only, colour being deemed a luxury), and contribute to repair a leaking roof. The main trouble here is that many people do not know who to apply to, and that in any case many of the charities are specifically designed to help in certain instances only.

Some, for example, were founded to help widows of men from certain trades or profession; others deal only with the Services; others again have strict middle class requirements (like the Guild of Aid for Gentlepeople, or the Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances). Very few, like the Elderly Invalids Fund, or Cruse (whose name comes from the widows' cruse) are able and willing to take on all cases. The position of widows in general is enormously complicated-so complicated in fact that many of these chari-ties believe that their main role than charitable institutions. What to apply for and to whom, is something that baffles even employees in DHSS offices.

Perhaps, curiously, younger widows—there are half a mil-lion widows under 54—are in many ways better off than elderly women, who face on their husband's death a sharply reduced standard of living precisely at the moment when they have fewer friends, a family they are anxious not to impinge upon, and all the growing anxieties about health, loneliness and money that accompany old age. And it is at the very moment when a widow most fears—rightly or wrongly —that her money will not see her out, and that she is becoming a growing burden on her family, that she needs not less, but more money for heat-ing and food and small comforts. It is these women, baffled by inflation, stricken by loneli-ness, who deserve all the support and sympathy they can get.

Caroline Moorehead

Ronald Butt

## Devolution: How MPs exposed the old parliamentary 'confidence' trick

So, after ell that has been said and written for years about the weakness of the House of Commons, it has demonstrated its power on a matter of fundamental importance for Britain. The House has shown that it is able to deny the Government the right to oush through a piece of constitutional legislation whose consequences had increasingly come to seem in-calculable to those who were

The devolution Bill is one about which nobody, not even the Government which promoted it, has been happy. That the Commons were showing an absolutely correct historic instinct in rejecting the devolu-tion guillotine, which means that the devolution Bill itself almost certainly fail to become law, I do not doubt for a moment. The fact that the various groups which voted against it had widely differing motives in no way diminishes the rightness of the decision.

The Conservatives voted against it because none of them likes the form of this Bill and because, in their hearts, the Tory majority doubts whether my devolution is possible which does not involve stepping on the slippery slope towards separa-tion. The Liberal majority voted auginst it because, voted though they are devolutionists, they recognized that this kind of devolution, without tax-raising powers for the Scottish Assembly, and without proportional representation, made no sense to them. Many in the Labour Party voted against it because they see the movement which they represent as indivisible in Britain and therefore do not want Britain frag-mented.

It is also widely recognized that the Government's Bill was a compromise dictated by the wish of Sir Harold Wilson's administration to get out of a

he privately admitted basically bored him-and it was a compromise nobody loved. The truth has begun to dawn on many people that there is no devolution that makes real sense short of federalism itself, for which, if it were practical, there might be something to be said But the case against this Bill was that nobody could really predict which way it would lead—and that is not the sort of Bill which ought to be railroaded by a timetable motion through Parliament.

However, quite apart from the devolution question itself, the defeat of the guillotine, with the prospective loss of the Bill, is also a reminder that, when it comes down to logical analysis. there really is no reason at all why a government should be able to expect that it should get every bit of its legislation through by the trick of attach-ing a concept of "confidence" to it. It is perhaps to the Gov-ernment's credit that it did not try to do so on this occasion, though it is probably even more a tribute to the government's realism in recognizing that it would not get away with it if it

Only two things are constitunionally necessary for a governent to stay in office. The first is that the House of Commons should grant it the supply necessary for the government to carry on the essential business of governing.

The second condition is an extension of the first: to stay in power, a government has to be given a vote of confidence if it feels it necessary to ask for one, or if it is challenged on one. Like the control of supply, this is also its method of either approving or not approving of a government's general policies or the major policy for which

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question to answer. A government's major policy is, perhaps. what a government thinks to be its major policy. It is by an extension of this idea that goveroments, particularly in this century, have chosen to blud-geon their followers into surporting them on almost every Bill they produce, by implying that confidence attaches to it. Confidence in this sense means an implicit threat that if this or that piece of legislation is defeated in the Commons, the government will go to the country.

According to some of the tex-books, it is this threat that drives MPs to fall into line, for fear that, if they do not, there will be an election in which they will have their search. will lose their seats. But of course, there is always a great deal of bluff and empty theory in this notion, since the large proportion of the governing party who receive the patronage of major and minor government would have much to lose than backbenchers if the government resigned, or went to the country and lost.

However, either the bluff itself or, more precisely, some kind of unthinking reflex action to it, has usually worked suffi-ciently for all sorts of legisla-

sense? That is not an easy the Commons had had their way, and were free to vote according to their convictions. might have been lost. There are different reasons at different times why the backbenchers of the majority party feel obliged to accept what they disline—and sometimes it is genuinely because the govern-ment's whole credibility is at stake.

I doubt, for instance, whether

the last Conservative govern-ment's incomes policy legislation would have ever become law, with all the momentous consequences it had for that party, if the considerable minority of Tory backbenchers who disliked and distrusted it had felt free to vote against it. It is also possible that some of the Labour Party's nationalizanon measures would never bave reached the statute book had a Labour minority been free to vote according to its convictions

and policies so dear to any party's heart that life in office without them is not worth having and it must be the party majority that determines what such policies are. (If the minority does not like this, it either has to go elsewhere or soldier on and try to moderate e government exists.

tion to get on to the statute the policies from inside, which retire, declaring itself incapable
What is a major policy in this book which, if a majority of is what the social democrats of running the show, unless it

However, there are measures

have done.) A party that is absolutely has to. I denied the things which, above destroy its credibi all others, it thinks itself in business to achieve is entitled to ask what is the point of retaining the empty trappings of office. Few politicians are so mean-spirited to want only these.

Obviously, a government's wish to attach a vote of confidence to those propositions which it regards as crucial is sensible: if it cannot do what it exists to do, it should go. In the present case, of course, there was no reason for making the guillotine a question of confidence. Whatever else the present Government exists for, it was not to implement this devolution Bill, on which it got itself hooked by a series of maladroit accidents and which many in the Government actively dislike.

Now this curious episode is over, what can the Government's real business be said to be henceforth? The answer is simple: it is to continue its efforts to check inflation, manage the economy and promote a sensible accord with the unions. Its success so far may be questionable, but that is what it exists to do. It has no other major legislation it can produce in its remaining time, except the necessary Bill for direct elections to the European Parliament, which is also an embarrassing one.

But why should Labour wish to carry on with a hard eco-nomic fight, in which all its cherished programmes have to be subordinated to the needs of the battle, when it is likely that, if it has successes, they will accrue to the Conservatives wto are more likely to win the next election? The answer is in the nature of politics. A political party cannot retire, declaring itself incapable

destroy its credibi serious political fo present Labour Gove the fight over the long as it can, and t tion defeat does not But the rejection of tine reminds us of t ant things.

The first is the f the Government's which will be still m now that it will be the nationalists' sup have no longer anv will be auxious to g to the polls quickly by-election defeats co erode the Governmen Carry on.

Secondly, there can little doubt that it healthy for our polis free more often to vo ing to the genuine c of its members wi Government's support feeling that they risk it down if they vote a

Of course, the need a party on major gro-stowach some minor ments, is a necessary of parliamentary pol should I like to see. based on the sepa; legislative and powers; our own i system seems to me overriding advantage country which is not federation of states, as is. But a convention Commons should ha freedom to vote on would be more val extending Over devolution, Mr now has a chance to

## The Japanese see a European failure in their success

in Keidanren (Japan's equiva-lent of the CBI), the Japan trade centre and others particularly concerned with British trade revealed how emotions have been roused by the confrontation over Japanese exports to Britain and the frontation over EEC. There is a real sense of shock

The Nixon "shock" of 1971 could be resolved by Japan's own switch of China policy, moving farther and faster than Nixon himself. The oil "shock" of 1973 hit Japan harder than most but that, too, has been more than balanced by increased exports. But then last autumn came the trade "shock" and that has left a mark that will not easily be removed. "We don't like going to Brussels to face threats and ultimatums: what have we done wrong but to be successful?" That about sums up the

reaction.

Since last October however the sharp edge of these quar-rels has been smoothed by compromise and so far as Britain is concerned the Japanese feel that they have already arranged some satisfactory con-cessions. They insist that they do not want a trade war; their natural search for compromise as a way out of any problem will go on. Of course the complaints and the misunderstand-ing are not only on the Japanese side. The western exporter sents real and often unique problems. The imbalance of lance of knowledge. Rather than grappling with the detail of cars, colour TV or ball-bearings it may be helpful to look at the problem of Japan's rela-tions with Europe in its historical context since that has direct relevance to present Japanese attitudes to trade.

The historical context in which all Japanese see their relations with the western world dates from the second half of the nineteenth century with

Japan is a country where Japan's turnabout from being a nationalist emotions have been closed country to one seeking country with the West in milidecades. A visit to Tokyo listary and industrial power. tening to ministers, civil ser-Many of the ideas that took vants, the leading businessmen shape then still govern Japanese thinking now. This may be hard for Europeans to grasp; beyond a 30-year spect; beyond that the his-torians take over and his-torians nowadays are no longer the Japanese however the last century, since the shock of stern intrusion, remains

> relations with the West finally resolved. Questions that could buried in the fifties and sixties have lately been bothera change in the international climate in the seventies. Deeply embedded in this

> century of unresolved reaction to the West are some ideas directly affecting the current trade imbalance. Equality with the West meant industrialization, meant Japanese ability to make anything they needed themselves and consequently made the import of manufactured goods a reflection on their ability and thus to be avoided. To import such goods meant that Japan was still lagging behind. The postwar burst of successful economic growth has only emphasized Japan's industrial confidence. Another belief dating from

> the nineteenth century was that imported goods—Hakurai, the sea-borne goods—were by nature exotic, rare and for the few. Foreign goods were first class and thus very expensive; indeed authentic only if they were expensive and thereby endowing the purchaser with

> That this attitude still survives was amply borne out from present evidence. British on sale in Japan now. lade, were uniformly three or or even five times as as their British price four whereas the Japanese car, for example, sells in Britain at about the same price as it does



Buying British: but there is too much emphasis on "luxury" imports in the Japanese market.

Time after time civil servants, ministers and businessmen talked hopefully about increasing their imports of consumer goods from Britain, often going on to point out that

make a big contribution them-

on the Japanese mass market, being "luxury items" there was obviously a limited mar-By now the argument over trade restrictions has gone some way to break down these attitudes. It is admitted that

each other runs to 50 or 60 per cent in manufactured goods Japan's similar trade is no more than 20 per cent if the point has been taken can western exporters break in to the Japanese market? The Japanese answer is: yes, if they take the same trouble with our market that we do with theirs—careful market research, building up of a distribution system, organizing servicing facilities, stocking up with spares, ample advertising, and all this taking years before sales really begin. In the Japanese mind the

countries whose trade with

imbalance of trade is matched tended, but many by other, concealed but hurtful read the comparisons the imbalances. A reminder of this came when our party of Bri- trac tish journalists was taken to feel that they have bee Hiroshima there to see not just the Peace Park, smoothing over the past, but the museum of the bomb with its heartrending blown-up photographs of burnt, shattered people, or burn, shattered people, their clothes hanging about them like beggars' rags, baffled, suffering and helpless; "here is the foreigner's visitors book", says the Japanese guide, "will you please add your comment". Would they have dropped it on the Germans? The question is in-escapable. One looks around and imagines every Japanese saying it to themselves. That is what the Japanese are thinking about the trade imbalance now: would they have made the same fuss or issued the same ultimatums about an im-balance of German or American exports?

There is another unhappy misunderstanding in this argument that needs to be corrected on the Japanese side. Japan is a country in which nation and society are one and in which national objectives— sensed and diffused rather than transmitted from on high—remain the core of the social consensus. The Japanese are all in it together. They do not feel themselves to be a class-ridden society, despite an automatic and unbroken respect for hierarchy. Thus

of a united front in a been likened by Euro totalitarian states. This has caused offence, albeit uninten

comparison is wrongly impugn Japan's own racy. Their free soc their democratic sys regarded by the Japan commitment. To deny seeming to imply the is to deny the political as the economic con with the West with w Japanese want to be as No such implication

The Japanese hope : things put right by it European exports to Often they commented imbalance of knowle their assessment of trade. How many busi coming to Japan from or her European spoke Japanese compar the number of Japanes to Europe who spoke say? How many un the workings of society—a market hundred-odd million?

It was admitted the presented problems; a too, that Japan's an distribution system things difficult fo exporter. But whatever practical problems and ings on both sides the ese feel they have not treated as equals in the ment. They believe Europeans took the trouble over event Europeans mok the trouble over export dies tampant at all Japan as they do ove works where the control of the c Japan as they do ove wanted and pean markets a more large in defend trade would result incest a South should their success the result with scarcely concealed ability of the sca earned them not respect to with scarcely concealed about the scarcely conc

## The Times Diary

## One sure thing in uncertainty

Professor John Kenneth Galin the flesh than he does on braith, the hugely tall economist who is currently trying to witty and good-humoured man, explain money to us in a 13-part television series, does not have much faith in the future of the capitalist conferm of the capitalist society, with the notable exception of himself. Galbraith gave a party vesterday for the publication of his book, upon which the tele-vision series is based, a surefire tie-up which every true capitalist from Adam Smith onwards would surely approve man, before whom Galbraith

In spite of widespread criti-cism of the series, The Age of Uncertainty, for making up in visual pyrotechnics what Galbraith lacks in personality, the emeritus professor from Harvard is certain to make a killing with the book of the same name, if precedent is anything to go by. Lord Clark, Alistair Cooke, and the late Jacob Bronowski all found themselves with hest-sellers on their hands after doing their television block-

Galbraith comes over better a television series ".

The learned professor, who wisely has a second home in Switzerland, was pounced on and grilled about his predictions for the future of our own age of uncertainty. He stoutly defended incomes policy, but thought an unemployment level of at least 2.5 million might have to become a fact of life.
"The people in the City who are so keen on a monetary policy are the first people to sell sterling when there is any threat to an incomes policy" he declared, in what was assumed to be a thinly-disguised adversary in the economic ring. Milton Friedman. "I have read dig at his adversary, Professor Friedman's pamphlet on Galbraith; I assume that's what he got the Nobel Prize for."

Galbraith had two unexpected Jate arrivals at his party: The launching was attended Edward Heath, another successby squads of BBC acolytes, and Sir Michael Swann, the chairful author, who immediately engaged in close conversation with the professor on the subwas understandably fulsome. "All British institutions are under attack these days, a technique you learned from us ject of hundreds of thousands of copies; and Shirley Williams, who has not written a best-Americans. We have the CIA, you have the kitchen Cabinet and Joe Haines. I wish you would exclude the BBC from all this; in the United States the BBC is loved indiscriminately." This has not provided. seller but who may be in need of a few tips on how to finance changes in educational policy. Andre Deutsch, who is pub-lishing Galbraith's book jointly ately." This has not prevented with the BBC, was telling every-one how the television series Mrs Galbraith from writing an article for an American film magazine on what she called was based on the book, and not the other way round. "At least in the book", says the improbable procedures with which the BBC produces least in the book", says Deutsch with evident satisfac-tion, "nothing moves."

All that business with love and 15 must have upset their calculators. The Wimbledon
Lawn Tennis Museum, offering
a Wimbledon championships
centenary tie, say: "The price
is £2.50, plus postage and pack ing in Great Britain of 20p Total cost £2.80." The deuce

#### Lasty

You have to be at the peak of fitness to take part in a wine tasting contest. Xesterday was the day of the inter-Varsity match at the sport, and one of the Oxford team scratched at the last moment, totally incapacitated, he claimed, by a cold in the head.

The teams train for the

event almost as strenuously as their more muscular colleagues do for the Boat Race. "We arrange at least eight blind tastings for practice a term", said a Cambridge tippler enthusiastically, this week we have been going at it hammer and tongs, swotting up for the big day". The tutor in wine at Cambridge University is Dr Denis Marriau, a chemistry don from Trinity who had charge of Prince Charles when he was up. "I imagine our practice up. "I imagine our practice tasting supplies have set us back about £50 or £60", he said, "but the undergraduates

selves. They take it very seriously, and can literally talk about wine non-stop for several hours, they are so interested ". His rival from Oxford, Dr Bryan Wilson, reader in sociology and custodian of the cellars at All Souls, had coached his team less: "Really they know as much about it as I do. Cambridge are more ruthless about these things. They really go out to win, you know."

The contest itself was held in strict examination conditions" in Harvey's cellars.
"Knowledge of their wine list helps more than anything", confided one of the Oxford men, "because all the wines men, "because all the wines come from here". Some of his colleagues had more technical notions though, and carefully dabbed small fingerrips of wine on to sheets of clean paper to see how the colours compared when they dried. "That's likely to tell you more about the paper than the wine", scoffed their opponents.

They mostly mistook a Graves for a St Julien or a Paudlac, were all thrown by a 1973 claret which they took to be much older, and turned their noses up at some Sauvignou whites. In the end it was found that Oxford had won, appropriately, by a nose—seven points in 600.

relations person, received a letter from a firm which letter from a jum which claimed they had a new mailing list of the top 3,000 companies in the Arab World and Iran "and we can reach the managing director by name". The letter was indeed addressed to her by her correct name, but it began: "Dear Sir . . .". I suppose in the Arab world this difficulty seldom arises.

#### Card vote

At the very same hour representatives of the Houses of Commons and Lords were pitted against each other in a pastime similarly taxing, their annual bridge match at the Carlton Tower hotel.

While the parliamentarians contemplated their bids in a hushed room on the sixteenth floor, there drifted up from below the muted blare of loudspeaker vans in the street making a last attempt to excite voters over the by-election in the City of London and West-minster South today.

There are obvious similarities in the comparative comfort of bridge and wine tasting as sports. Tim Sainsbury, the Con-servative MP for Hove who was playing bridge for the Commons yesterday, confessed that he



had once captained Oxford at wine tasting too.
They were loathe that bridge was clinist though, or even a particularly apr game for politicians. "It is relaxing", said Tony Berry, MP, "but at

our sort of level I do n which Arrican one should be thinking the start of subcle means of company wear With the exception of

Lever, by common con-most gifted player or side the Commons wer sented entirely by C tives. The Lords turn badly under strength II of Marlborough was abs.
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## IE FIRST HOME RULE BILL IS DEAD

r members of Parliament that it will not be possible s the Devolution Bill in its at form through the it House of Commons. That t surprising. Even the ters of the Bill admitted was defective, and that would on its terms be a ity of conflict between the inster Parliament and the ed Scottish Assembly. The coposed the wrong system tion and had no solution problem of finance. Yet it iot these defects which ed the guillotine motion, e resentment of English are that Scotland should dvantages denied to their

. onstituents. failure of the guillotine · 1 is a very serious political for the Government. The tion Bill was a central re of this session of nent. It provided a reason the Nationalists should ue to support the Governso long as it stood a able\_chance of passing aw. That reason has now emoved, and the Scottish alists say that they would o bring the Government as quickly as possible.

does not mean that there an immediate collapse of rovernment or a general n inside the next few s; it does make it unlikely he Government will be carry on for the period iteen months to two years the Prime Minister would aly have liked. Mr een much reduced; the of his administration has nuch weakened.

constitutional issue is important than the politi-The question of Scotland's In their Succession of the onnear because all not disappear because all not disappear because home Rule Bill could be called the first home Rule Bill could

carried through a parti-'arliament. The future of h home rule depends very upon the will of the h people. If there is a g and increasingly deterdemand for devolution, full independence, then emand will have to be f there is a second Home ill, that will have to be s but more far reaching the present one. Any

find a formula

revolt by thirty-seven between the present Bill and doing nothing will certainly fail and would merely irritate Scot-tish opinion. The inadequacies of the Labour Bill will not be remedied by making it more

feeble or more anomalous. It is indeed desirable that there should be a constitutional conference. But such a conference will now need to take into account the constitutional requirements of the whole of the United Kingdom and not merely of Scotland. The lesson of this Bill must be learnt. It is that devolution for such an important part of the United Kingdom as Scotland must be related to constitutional development in the whole of the United Kingdom. Our constitution must continue to be symmetrical, because if symmetry is discarded the least favoured section will reject the scheme which disadvantages them. It was the Labour members who represented disadvantaged English constituencies who passed sentence of death on this

be federal in character, because only a federal system offers equal benefits to all parts of the community. Britain can have unitary government or federal government, but we cannot have a unitary government for England and a federal govern-ment for Scotland and Wales. It is possible to have a federal system in which some of the federated states are nations and the other are regions. That is the situation in the Federal Republic of Germany where

This means that any devolved

system to be acceptable has to

measure.

Bavaria, like Scotland, is a separate nation with a strong sense of national history and identity, and its own political attitudes, but most of the Lander are regional rather than national in their character. The first question the English

will have to decide is whether they want to have a federation or not. For England the attraction of a federation would be that it would permit the continued unity of the United Kingdom; it would provide for the demands of Scotland. The establishment of a federal constitution would also include a Bill of Rights for which there is some genuine demand. The South of England. which is predominantly Conservative in its politics, would be rule, a history we seem quite able to construct a society nearer likely to repeat.

to its real wishes in those matters which were devolved to the regions.

As against this there are strong national pressures for uniformity and for centralization. The idea of a federated state of Wessex, as prosperous as an English Switzerland, with a Conservative Prime Minister and a Liberal Leader of the Opposition, pur-suing policies of educational excellence and public thrift, and looking to Salisbury as its capital, is an attractive one. It is certainly the necessary English equivalent to a Scotland governed from Edinburgh while remaining inside the United Kingdom. But is such a concept strong enough to overcome the forms of inertia, bureaucracy and equality, all at once?

It is not obvious that the English would be willing to sacrifice their own unity for the sake of maintaining the unity of the United Kingdom. The logical sequence of questions runs in this way. The first is: federation or no federation? If no federation, then the questions are: Scotland to stay in, or go

independent? Wales, in or out? The Government were right to endeavour to meet the strong feeling for devolution in Scotland, if wrong in the way they tried to meet it. They have proved that you can no more have two constitutions, one for England and one for Scotland, than you could maintain the United States, half slave and half free. The Government's attempt at a devolution Bill has itself established that there is no majority support for a system which is federal in respect of the minority nations but unitary in respect of the largest nation. That leaves the question of a general federation now to be determined. There are powerful arguments for moving in that direction, but it must be some time before the British people fully appreciate what the question is, let alone feel sure that they know their own minds on how the question should be answered. The danger is that they will take too long, as constitutional changes almost always do. By the time England is ready for a federal solution, Scotland may have lost patience with any solution that maintains the United Kingdom. That, after all, was the history of Irish home

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Return to free collective bargaining

From Sir : Keith Joseph, MP for Leeds, North East (Conservative) Sir, My friend Lord Caldecote wants (Letters, February 16) to smoke out" those who favour a return to free collective bargaining. I, for one, am ready to stand up and be

I disagree with Lord Caldecore because I cannot accept his premise—that incomes policy and the social contract are economically beneficial. contract are economically beneficial. I argue that these arrangements, far from helping the economy, are a root cause of the inflation, unemployment, stagnation and balance of payments crises which have plagued us over the past two years. If these measures are continued, the ille will be investigated.

ills will be intensified. ills will be intensified.

Let me restate my reasons. First, the halving of the very high inflation rate experienced during Labour's first 18 months cannot be ascribed to the formal incomes policy/social contract of 1975—but to the predictable and predicted lagged result of the sharp deceleration in the money supply growth imposed by Ted Heath and Tony Barber in late 1973, leading to reduced economic activity and

reduced economic activity and reduced demand for labour.
Union conduct increasingly recognized that jobs were vulnerable, although rescues and job preserva-tion subsidies by the Government, again as part of the social contract, discouraged restraint in some cases. Moreover, the norm imposed by

the Government and unions, while lower than some groups—and executives-would have obtained.

was higher than many groups would have got.

The quid pro quo to the unions for the "restraint", which they would in most cases have observed anyway, included price and dividend controls, threatening jobs and expansion; lavish government spending leading to huge borrowing, with disastrous results for sterling damaging legislation and increased taxation, destroying incentives at all

levels. Yet Lord Caldecote urges that we continue the social contract for fear of massive pay increases otherwise. But can massive pay increases be widespread when Mr Healey has put—and promised the IMF to maintain-a ring fence of monetary restraint round the economy? As Mr Healey explained at Leeds on January 4, "Wages can only rise above the level permitted by the

above the level permitted by the supply of money at the cost of throwing people out of work."

In the private sector, particularly where management has explained the realities to employees, this truth will be generally recognized. But excessive wage increases could destroy firms, and it is understandable that some employers would prefer an "incomes policy" defence

Strain on Ministers

From Mrs Hector McNeil .

Sir, I have-just been distening to Shirley Williams on whether the strain on Ministers is causing their

premature deaths. With some of her

points I agree, with others I don't.

public life die at an early age

through overwork-Hugh Gaitskell,

I have always maintained that my

late husband, Hector NcNeil, died at

the age of 48 from overwork. His

death was almost a carbon copy of

Tony Crosland's, one of his col-

leagues. I have warched Mrs Cros-land's agony with more than

ordinary sympathy and understand-ing. Her husband was dashing about

the world with little time even to pack his bags—she, no doubt, did that for him; he was kept out of

his bed by all night sittings due to the small majority in the House; he then had to read his Cabinet papers before getting any rest and had to

be in his office early, and also look

All this was applicable in my

husband's case when he was Secre-tary of State for Scotland in the 1950/51 Attlee Government. At that

time there was a majority of six and

Winston Churchill made a point of

forcing all-night sittings with a view to bringing down the Government— which he could have done as there

was then no real coalition, as today, of Liberals, Scottish Nationalists,

Welsh Nationalists, two Irish MPs

after his constituency.

Tony Crosland, Iain Macleod.

against wage claims. But this attitude could be fatal. Every ounce of relief for private Every ounce of relief for private sector management in their wage and labour relations will be bought through the social contract by erosion of their viability and independence. What is Eullock but yet another part of the price for incomes policy? That is why private firms have no choice but no conduct their own wage bargaining if the private sector is to survive. There is no room for further retreat.

Of course the real worry remains

Of course the real worry remains the state sector—which includes public pensioners like Leyland and Govan Shipyards. But the Government in relation to the public sector will be subject to the monetary

ring fence also.
So long as the Government de celerates monetary growth it will abate inflation and will have no need to buy incomes policy. Both Lord Coldecote and the Chancellor agree that anything more than modest pay ircreases must lead to higher unemployment. What leads them to suppose that union leaders and their members are any less

canable of understanding the facts?

Lord Caldecote admits that "a permanent rigid incomes policy" is impracticable in a democracy, yet he urges that we continue with incomes policy. But a non-rigid in-comes policy is a contradiction in And, for those who want terms. And, for those who want another year, will it be any easier then to extricate ourselves—with the distortions, disincentives and other penalties of the social control festering and intensifying? It will be more difficult, not less, to dismount from the riser.

dismount from the tiger.

Mr Healey criticizes me for agreeing on this subject with some Com-munist union leaders. But why not? Since the Government's policies con-tain irreconcilable convradictions they cannot but be reflected in union artitudes. Some union leaders think primarily of their members' interests—short or long term; some are primarily political and see in-comes policy/social contract as a means of extending Socialist power; others reject this path to Socialism because it seems too circuitous or hecause they remperamentally favour traditional class struggle or because competition inside the left predicates "lefter than thou" struces regardless.

I, by contrast, oppose because I do not want the market economy destroyed, be it in the manner of Russian bear or British bullock. If Mr Healey is really concerned at an "unholy alliance" with the

Communists, he would do well to look nearer home. Yours faithfully, KEITH JOSEPH. February 23.

#### Rebuilding the inner cities

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From Sir Frank Marshall
Sir, The older "Industrial Revolution" areas which contemporaneously emerged have obsolesced

contemporaneously.

The removal of their inner city cores to make way for six-lane urban highways and other not unrelated artifacts of "planning" also remove many medium-sized businesses which, in default of industrial Development Certificates, industrial Development Certificates, either moved away or closed down altogether. So, by purchase (compulsory or otherwise) the local authorities (whose appetite historically outstrips their digestion—as Mr G. W. Mason. (February 21) rightly says) fell heir to much valuable urban land.

Since then there has been neither the political will nor the financial

the political will nor the financial resources to renew the fabric of urban life. The policy for new towns

effectively saw to that.

Now fresh awareness may spur
the political will, but the combined
resources of local and central government are quite unequal to

such a daunting task.

It would surely be better for local authorities to make a present of such land (in parcels according to requirement) to anyone able and willing to develop it within the discipline of an over all inner city plan (which would include commercial development to provide jobs and thus help sustain the economy of the area as a whole) than to contemplate for much longer these urban deserts. Yours, etc.

FRANK MARSHALL Wigton Manor. Manor House Lane, Alwoodley, Leeds. February 27

From the President of the Royal Topm Planning Institute Sir, In their letter of February 16, Professor West and Mr David Young complain that it is difficult to convince the ordinary layman that the planning system has failed.

This is a remarkable tribute to the common sense of the ordinary man who is bombarded on all side by fashionable criticisms of planners and planning.

The ordinary layman is, one hopes, still impressed by the fact that 40 per cent of all housing has been built in the past 30 years: that the worst slums have been visibly eradicated from our great cities: that our New Towns have interacclaim and that our national countryside, conservation and rational parks policies have saved large part of our heritage for posterity.

The ordinary layman is not naive.

order to enforce a debatable

The truth is that the President's

Soviet dissident is dictated not

right to communicate directly with

only by personal morality, but also by the Helsinki Final Act and the

United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, to both of which

the Soviet Union is bound. By his signature in 1975 Mr Brezhuev

undertook to expedite the reunifica

tion of families, to import more Western newspapers and not to

penalize Western journalists for doing their job. He also promised,

no doubt with his tongue in his cheek, to "respect human rights

The President could likewise refer

Mr Brezhnev to Article 12 of the Declaration of Human Rights, which runs: "No one shall be subjected

to arbitrary interference with his

privacy, family, home or corres-

and fundamental freedoms".

has broken these promises.

Soviet dissidents

He knows that planners propose but politicians dispose. If there have been mistakes in the past (and I believe their extent is much exag-gerated) they have been mistakes made by society as a whole and not by any one group of people or any one system.

Most of our really intractable

problems are intractable because of the lack of resources to meet the perceived needs. I find it hard to believe that changes in the plan-ning system will release any new resources or make solutions easier to achieve.

Yours faithfully, JOHN K. BOYNTON, President, The Royal Town Planning Institute, County Hall, Chester. February 23.

From Lord Taylor of Harlow Sir, The suggestion that failure to rebuild the centres of our great cities is due in some way to the

creation of New Towns is untrue. New Towns are one of the relatively few success stories in Britain since the last war. Not only have they rehoused over 850,000 people and provided them with admirable working conditions and an effective social environment; they have done this at a good financial return to the nation. This remarkable achievement is due to their sound administrative structure and to the fact that they were operating largely

in virgin territory.

New Towns were created partly
to make possible the reconstruction of the centres of our great cities. In London, densities of over 200 people to the acre rising to over 400 to the acre in some inner core areas were by no means uncommon. It was from such areas of overcrowding and physical decay that the New Towns drew much of their population. Densities of this order make good family life impossible; as Professor Abertrombie raught us, massive export of population was an essential before reconstruction could begin.

The failure of the reconstruction of the central core of the great cities is partly due to the complexities of land ownership; but it must, in all honesty, be partly ascribed to the cumbersome development machinery of the municipal authorities. Attempts to attribute the failures of elected municipalities to the success of appointed New Towns are both untrie and unfair. Yours faithfully

pondence." It is only because the Soviet Union violates this article

that Dr Sakharov was forced to make

his dramatic visit to the United States Embassy in Moscow. If Mr

Brezhnev wishes to write to Mr Gus Hall, the American communist

leader, he can place his letter in a mail box and it will arrive. As your leader today (February

21) points out, if Mr Brezhnev never

intended to observe certain parts of

the Helsinki agreement, he should

not have signed it. But can the

President really be blamed for try-

ing to enforce these existing agree-

The Soviet Union has also claimed that the President's letter is an

interference in her internal affeirs.

But if this is a crime, the Soviet Union is equally guilty, if not more

so. Her embassies in the West maintain close links with local communist parties. They send delegates to trade union gatherings. They give

lavish entertainment to pro-Soviet

politicians. They attack the Conservative Party and its leader.

The English service of Moscow

Radio has accused the British authorities of "cold-bloodedly watching Frank Stage die in Wakefield Prison" and of "giving the

actual go-ahead to the white racist

letter need therefore cause no alarm,

The President's act in sending the

ments .

TAYLOR OF HARLOW,

House of Lords. February 19.

## ES SILENCE LEND SUPPORT?

ride protests and contion by hastily inventing glo-American-Zionist plot ade Uganda from an aircarrier. The scenario is ized from the Republic nn-formerly Dahomey-

however, some actors ired to perform the script. lotive is very obvious. He to make sure that the n states support him offiin the Organisation of n Unity, in the United is and (if possible) in the onwealth, as they did over rticipation in the hijacking e Israeli aircraft, using toting power in the United is to prevent his condem-

In private they were delighted by his utter iation at the hands of the is, but publicly they adto a convention that Afritates must support each against all outsiders, on 1d every issue.

v would allege rampant ism if the white-skinned were to unite to defend eeds of Rhodesia or South a. They must put up with heir present conspiracy of e on President Amin is d as hypocrisy by the outworld. It is hypocrisy, yet eds to be understood. It in large part from African urity and paranoia: from tragility of most African niments and the night-fears ise who (temporarily) wear rown. Because most Afri-

from other ruling groups' misgovernment, tribalism and perse-

cution, who sometimes succeed engineering a coup, the " ins " do have an informal trade union against the "outs", and non-interference in each others' domestic affairs is reverenced far more in the OAU charter than in the UN charter. To abandon it would unleash incalculable forces - there are examples already.

No doubt Presidents Nyerere and Kenyatta hope the world will note that their newspapers have attacked General Amin unreservedly, and this could not happen if they had not been tipped the official wink. Nor could the service in Nairobi Cathedral have happened as it did. But they are realists and will ask what practical good official protests would do. Uganda has a large army and Kenya a tiny one, while President Nyerere, who has no army at all, at least has allowed Ugandan exiles to attempt some revolts against Amin from his territory. They, and the OAU, will probably hope that Amin will now become more discreet

in his methods. Yet there are reasons why the Africans should reconsider their posture. It is perhaps one thing to keep silent when an African brutalizes an African tvrant population. It is surely another when a group of non-Africans do the same under an African aegis. The OAU was sufficiently

ent Amin has reacted to can countries harbour refugees worried about the Cubans in Luanda to mount a mission of enquiry. It is time they began to pay attention to the group of Libvans, Palestinians, Sudanese and Saudi Arabians who increasingly sit at the controls in Kampala. The General Service Unit, which is manned by Sudanese as well as Ugandan Moslems is now as much their instrument of power as it is Amin's. They are technically indispensable, but they are also doing very well out of the army's plunder and intimidation of the

> There may be fanatics who see in this situation a natural continuation of Islamic southwards

Ugandan Christians.

penetration of black Africa. But this is not the view of Ugandans who can speak out, and it was very proper for the Uganda Action Group, a respectable association of Ugandans in exile that includes former officials and members of parliament, to send a warning telegram to the Secretary-General of the Arab League protesting that President Amin is exploiting Islam for his own irreligious ends. So far the silence over Amin's regime extends to the Moslem world, and a repudiation of the aid that it is getting from certain Middle East states would do good. It cannot serve the ends of any religion to seem indifferent to the inhumanities of the Amin regime, and it is time that the African states began to ask just who they are helping when they turn an official blind eye to ever uglier developments in Uganda.

windows and not doing surgeries". How wrong she is. My husband and I—I was his unpaid secretary—did a constituency surgery every month 4 or 5 hours at a stretch—and I did not get my fare paid to the constituency—and when he was Scot-tish Secretary he had two Under Secretaries, now there are considerably more than that He spent practically every weekend in Scotland and many week nights in all night sittings in the House.

What the answer is I do not know. No matter how many extra

Ministers of State and Under-Perhaps more Departments with which God forbid.

who live to 80 or 90. SHEILA MCNEIL, 12 Lochmore House, Ebury Square, SW1.

#### From Lord Bethell and Mr Enoch Powell, to get the Sir, The front page of The Times of February 19 gave prominent dis-Government out of their troubles. Mrs Williams said "MPs were much

play to an article by Edmund Stevens suggesting that President Carter's letter to Dr Sakharov could grander, going to their con-stituencies, waving out of their car have "serious repercussions" on Sovier-American relations, perhaps that it might even have been inspired by hard-line Soviet leaders anxious to toople the "liberal" Mr that the new President is allowing his personal moral views to triumph over his statesmanship, that he is endangering the peace of the world

Secretaries are appointed, the people always want, eventually, to deal with the Secretary of State. Secretaries of State, but that just increases the number of bureaucrats,

But men and women choose this life; they don't have to. The strains are perhaps not obvious when they choose, but a man leads his life as he wishes and I do not think any of these men who died prematurely would have chosen anything else and they certainly contributed much more to their country than many

### Racial equality in any link up or association with Argentina. He will be bound to ask, for example, whether the Argentine

From Mr Sam Springer

Sir. I would like to express my disagreement with comments made in Neville Hodgkinson's article "Race Commission Plans Criticized" (The Times. February 9). He says that there is widespread criticism against the latest proposals for the staffing and structure of the Commission for Racial Equality, on the grounds that it over-emphasizes the law enforcement aspects of the CRE's work. The argument really is about

priorities, because the CRE will have the duty of eliminating discrimination by using all its resources and power under the 1976 Act. Both the law enforcement and educational/advisory aspects of the CRE's work are essential; they complement one another. Ethnic minority groups would like to see the CRE using its powers in the most effective manner possible to eliminate discrimination and to secure full equality of opportunity. As one involved in race relations over a number of years, it is my ment that ethnic minority groups would like to see the CRE adopting an aggressive approach and this means meating the law enforcement aspects as being primary importance. After all, successive Annual Reports the Race Relations Board has asked for increased powers in order to do its iob more effectively.

These powers have been granted under the 1976 Act, and should be used vigorously to eliminate dis-crimination. The advisory and edu-carional role of the CRE should be regarded as being complementary to the strict law enforcement role. It should be borne in mind that the 1976 Act is an attempt to deal with discrimination in a completely different, and hopefully more effec-

soundly based as it is on international agreement and on the principle of reciprocity, which Mr Brezhnev understands well.

tive way. It requires a new pers

Yours sincerely. NICHOLAS BETHELL. House of Lords.

rezime in Rhodesia"

February 21.

pective and a dynamic approach, without which I fear that in 10 years' time we may be considering another Race Relations Act and another Commission. SAM SPRINGER, Member, North Metropolitau Conciliation Committee, Race Relations Board,

Members Library, lown Hall. Hackney, E8. February 16.

#### Why not December 31? From Mr I. D. Morgan

Sir, I only read the bottom right hand corner of your letters page since I find Rockall more interesting than Bullock.

The relevant question is not "Why April 5?" but "When will our political masters comply with the EEC directive that our financial years should end on December

Since the Chancellor is pledged reduce income tax, why not do this with the aid of a special Jubi-Jee Tax Year of 270 days only? Complicated legislation is net required but in essence a short clause in the Finonce Bill providing for the raz year which com-mences on April 6 next to end on December 31, 1977.

In this way twelve months' personal allowances would be offset inst nine months' income and the higher incomes of middle manngers would be taxed at lower hand rates. As a result we may all have enough cash to make a Jubilee t. . if not round Fiji or Torea then round Frinton or Tunbridge Wells I

Yours faithfully, IAN MORGAN, 23 Blatchington Road, ·Tunbridge Wells, February 21.

kall Mr Tony Soper he account of an uncomfort-ight spent on Rockall by the rhunter, temporarily aband-l in the fog by the steam yacht t was exposed as a hoar long When the anonymous writer traced by the editors of the is of Scottish Natural History, omptly admitted his crime... n sorry you should have taken. aginary description of a visit ickall—only meant to amuse— a contribution to science. I was at Rockall."

ere is an excellent account of affair and a survey of both and false landings on Rockall the time of its annexation by anding party from HMS Vidal, he late James Fisher's hook all, published in 1956 by Geof-

Bles. s faithfully, Y SOPER, life Expeditions Limited, ove Town,

uary 22.

ncept of ethnic

n Projessor Kenneth Kirkwood Philip Howard's entertaining the on "Ethnic" (February 21) es no mention of the important nination of the concept by Sir an Huxley and his colleagues in

the thirties, and their recommendation that the correct ancient Greek usage should be revived, not least to eradicate the "dangerous to eradicate the "dangerous myths" associated with the vague and unsatisfactory word "race". It would be particularly interest-

ing to nave Mr Howard's observa-tions on the appropriate passages in the very significant study Wc Europeans: A Survey of "Racial" Problems by Huxley, Haddon and Carr-Saunders, first published in October, 1935, which deservedly ing to have Mr Howard's observaran through several impressions. This book certainly influenced the This book certainly influenced the thought and language (including the "British English") of many at the time, but "race" has so strongly reasserted itself that Huxley's strong and considered advocacy of ethnic, ethnos, ethnes, here been widely ignored in acahas been widely ignored—in academic as well as popular usage.

Yours truly, KENNETH KIRKWOOD. St Antony's College, February 21.

What Keats drank From Mr H. F. Ėllis Sir, It is assonishing to one who spent several reluctant years study-ing the textual criticism of classical Greek verse that none of your cor-

respondents, distressed as they are by Keats's apparent liking for sparkling red wine, should have hit

upon the obvious explanation. The

upon the obvious explanation. The text is clearly corrupt.

The poet first expresses a wish for a glass of chilled wine. But plots of beechen green can be on the cold side after dark—it is approaching midnight, as we know—even in mid-May. On second thoughts, therefore (I read "Or for a beaker etc." in place of the tirea beaker, etc." in place of the thre-somely repetitive "0") he feels that a tankard of mulled claret would be more appropriate, and accordingly writes

"With heated bubbles winking One fears that Keats, in his rather over-excited state, made the common mistake of bringing the liquid We need not, I think, follow the ingenious Verrall, who would un-doubtedly recast the entire line to

"With bearded buddies drink-ing at the inn "

as this, though tempting, would involve either an uncharacteristic false rhyme at the end of the stanza or a further emendation of "the forest dim" into some such conclusion as "the", to me un-acceptable in this context, "final Yours faithfully, H. F. ELLIS, Hill Croft, Kingston St Mary,

Taunton,

Devon.

From Mr David Stephen Sir. The first reactions to the Gov

ernment's appouncement that it is to send Mr Ted Rowlands to Buen Aires to talk about the Falkland Islands (The Times, February 3) have concentrated, understandably enough, on the situation of the islanders. Is it too much to hope that on this rare occasion when Britain does stand a chance of exerting real influence she will use it for the good of all the people of the area—including the 11,000 Anglo-Argantines 2 Argentines?

The Falkland Islands

I have never met an Argentine who does not feel passionately about the Falkland Islands. Indeed, in a bitterly divided country, this is a theme which unites everyone, from far left to far right. Depending on the political views of the Argentine, views are advanced—ranging from imperialism to infiltration—on why Britain remains in the Falklands. (No one, in Britain or in Argentina, seems to realize that the islands are basically barren, with one industry -sheep farming-dominated by a semi-feudal monopoly.) Every Argentine regards British "occupation" of the Falklands as an insult to Argentine nationhood.

My point is that any Argentine Government which could assert Argentine sovereignty over the Falklands will earn a place in history and become enormously popular in the country. It follows from this that any British Govern-ment which sits down to discuss the issue with Argentina is offering her, et least potentially, a political prize of enormous value. Any responsible British Government cannot, there-fore, enter discussions on this subject without being conscious of the impact the outcome of such discussions will have inside Argentina. Obviously a major and entirely

Apartado 381. San Pedro Montes de Oca. San Jose legitimate preoccupation of Mr Rowlands and his colleagues will be the physical fate of the islanders Corra Rica February 7.

future agreement. This is not interference in Argentina's internal affairs but an entirely necessary exercise of Britain's responsibility for the islanders. If it were felt that sovereignty should be transferred or pooledand there are pressing political and economic forces pushing Britain in that direction-Britain should not forgo the opportunity of exercising a favourable influence on Argentine

Government would be able to pro-

tect the islands from the dual

scourge of terrorism and counter-terrorism which now endangers the

be bound to seek assurances that

human rights, accepted as normal in Britain and in the Falkland

Islands, would be guaranteed in any

es of ordinary Argentines. He

politics-entirely consistent, as I have said, with Britain's concern for the islanders. Notably, President Videla and those of his colleagues who favour an early return to demo-cracy would be encouraged—and the extreme rightists discouraged— Britain made, in any talks on sovereignty, the conditions that she would only permit a democratic Argentina to exercise any sovereignty over the islanders.

Democrats inside Argentina would never forgive Britain if she handed the islands over and allowed the fascists to reap the benefits, but a judicious agreement which looked to the future both of the islanders and the Argentines-and which took a clear line on human rights—would be of incalculable value to Argentina, to Britain, and to Argentine relations Yours faithfully. DAVID STEPHEN



#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 23: The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investinure at Buckingham Palace this morning.
His Royal Highness, as Chairman, this afternoon addressed
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenans. representatives and Memof the Administrative Council of King George's Jubilee Trust (For Youth) in connexion with The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.
The Princess Aine, Mrs Mark
Phillips, President of Save the
Children Fund, this evening
attended a Gala Cabaret in aid of the Fund at King's Country

Club, Eastbourne.
Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival at Eastbourne Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (the Marquess of Aber-zavenny) and afterwards at King's Country Club by the President, Save the Children Fund Sussex Area (the Lady Sarah Fitzalan Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty. CLARENCE HOUSE

February 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Memorial Service for Mr Derek Parker Bowles which was held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today. Queen Elizabeth The Queen

### Birthdays today

Lord Burstmante, 93; Lord Clitheroe, 76. Air Chief Marshal the Hon Sir Ralph Cochrane, 82; Mr Lionel Dakers, 53; Mr David Langdon. 63: Sir Frederick Scopes, 85; Brigadier Humphrey Stronge, 86; Sir Edgar Vaughan, 70; Sir Harold Wilkinson, 74.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel in Chief, The Gloucestershire Regiment, will be present at a luncheon with the officers of the Queen's Guard, Guard Room, St James's Palace, 12.45.

The Duchees of Gloucester opens, Charles Persons Building, News. The Duchess of Gloucester opens.
Charles Parsons Building, Newcastle upon Tyne College of Arts and Technology, 10.30.
Exhibition: "Kings and Queens and Flying Machines", RAF Museum, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, 10-6.
City of London Art Exhibition, Guildhall, 10-5.

#### Association of Lancastrians in

Reception

The Association of Lancastrians in London held a reception yes-terday evening at the Law Society's Hall. Sir Desmond and Lady Heap received the guests, who included the guest speaker, Lord Greenwood of Rossendale, and Lady Greenwood.

#### Dinners Basketmakers' Company

Mr Andrew Breach, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a court dinner held Swain, Junior Warden. The other speakers were Mr David P. L.
Antill, Master of the Glovers'
Company, Mr Frederick R. Hopklus and Mr G. W. Burrow,
Master of the Fletchers' Company. Conservative Industrial and Commercial Association

Mr Harold Miller, MP, deputized as guest speaker for Mr Peter Walker, MP, who was unable to be present at a dinner held by Conservative Industrial and Commercial Association last night at the Garrick Club. Mr Nicholas Bousor was in the chair.

Service dinner Oxford University Air Squadron

Lord Trend, Rector of Lincoln College, and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Air Member for Personnel, were guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron's held last night at the squadron's town headquarters, Oxford. The commanding officer, Squadron Leader J. R. Day, presided. Other guests included: guests included :

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#### Mother and The Prince of Wales, Mother and the Frince of Males. Counsellors of State under Her Majesty's Commission, held a Council on behalf of The Queen Forthcoming marriages

at 4.15 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Samuel Silkin, MP (Attorney-General), the Right Hon Ronald King Murray,

MP (Lord Advocate) and the Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP.

his appointment and received the

Mr Neville Leigh was in attend-

vice for Mr Derek Parker Bowles which was held at the Guards Chapel; Wellington Barracks,

their absence abroad.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

QC, who has resigned on his appointment as a High Court judge.

Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mine-workers, to be a member of the National Research Development

Corporation for three years from March 1.

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran to be

chairman of the Institute of Sports Medicine.

Miss Rita Donagh, the artist, to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery, in succession to Mr Howard

Mr Tenniel Evans to be president of the George Eliot Fellowship and Mr Herbert Van Thal to be-

Mr Michael Evans to be rock organizer of the Musicians' Union.

the selection board.

Church news

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The Ven Conrad Meyer, Arch-deacon of Rodmin, is to be chair-man of a commission appointed by the Standing Committee of the General Synod to reexamine the justification of charging fees for such duties as taking funerals.

Mr G. T. A. W. Horton and the Hon Flonz Peake

The engagement is announce between Gavin Tobias Alexande Detween Gavin Tobias Alexander Winterboutom, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Winterbottom, Manor Farm House, Brill, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona Catherine, eldest daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Ingleby, Spilesworth, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr H. J. Carew

At the Council, the Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP, took the Oath of Office as Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, Kissed hands upon Mr H. J. Carew and Miss L. S. Mortimer

The engagement is announced between Henry John Carew of 57 Claucarty Road, London, SW6, and Louise Star Mortimer, or Budds Farm, Burghelere, Berkance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Michael Poor,
MP, had an audience of the
Counsellors of State before the
Council. shire. Mr R. Dyrbus KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
was present at the Memorial Serand Miss M. van Hall

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs M. Dyrbus, Glanwern, Maescrycwmmer, Glamorgan, and Marilyn, roungest daughter of the late Mr E. F. M. van Hall and Mrs van Hall, Château d'Oex, Switzerland.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is Switzerland. Mr J. R. A. Nisbet and Miss P. W. C. Carvell The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr J. V. Nisbet and of Mrs Nisbet, of Hambledon, Hampshire.

The Hon Davina Woodhouse was and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. R. Carvell, of Shipley, KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Duchess of
Gloucester was entertained to
luncheon by the Mayor of Sinderland at the Sunderland Civic
Centre. In the afternoon Her Royal Yorkshire. Mr A. Ratcliff Centre. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the renovated Sunderland Magistrates' Court. Her Royal Highness was present this evening at a Fashion Show in aid of the Northumberland Association of Boys' Clubs at the Newcastle Civic Centre. Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Miss Susanna Cryer was in attendance.

The engagement is amounced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs M. Ratcliff, of Hampton Court, and Georgina, eldest dangiter of Mrs S. F. Campion, of Richmond. Yorkshire, Mr J. Smith and Miss S. Hirose

The marriage is announced from Japan between Mr James Smith, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertford-shire, and Miss Sumie Hirose, of Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Derek Parker Bowles owing to their absence a broad Mr P. C. Spicer and Miss R. E. Ifor-Jones

and shift H. E. Hor-jones
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
J. H. V. Spicer, of Chester le
Street, co Durbam, and Hazel,
dauginer of the late Rev J. H.
Ifor-Jones and of Mrs Hor-jones,
of Uppingham, Rutland. Lord Wigoder, QC, to be chair-man of the Realth Services Board in succession to Mr Ralph Gibson,

Mr J. K. U. Todd and Miss C. L. Mayell The engagement is amounced between James Killingworth Utten. between James Klimgworth Onen, son of Mr and Mrs R. A. U. Todd, of Guildford, Surrey, and Clare Jonise, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. C. Mayell, of Sher-borne, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr J. Q. Campbell and Mrs A. R. Weinberg The marriage took place quietly in Oxford on Tuesday, February 22, between Mr Quentin Campbell and Mrs Ann Weinberg.

Mr Clarence Tuck, aged 51, a full-time chairman, Civil Service Selection Board, to be a Civil Service commissioner from next Tuesday, when he succeeds Mr Kenneth Murray as director of the selection board. Mr J. H. B. Fairbanks and Miss P. A. Garge The marriage took place on February 19 at the Church of St February 19 at the Church of St Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, between Mr James Fairbanks, sun of Major-General and Mrs C. B. Fairbanks, of Nayland, Suffolk, and Miss Philippa Garge, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Garge, of Castle Hedingham. The bride was attended by Miss Charlotte Garge and Kate and Lucy Macdonald-Buchanan. Mr Gerard Hoare was best man. A reception was held at Hedingham Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr D. T. Matheson and Mrs P. D. Seeber The marriage took place on February 18 between Mr David Matheson, son of the late Mr Norman Matheson and Mrs Betty Matheson, of St John's Wood, The Assistant Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev Bernard Markham, aged 70, who is also Rector of East Bridgford, is to retire at the end of May. He was Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas for 10 years before moving to Southwell in 1972. London, and Mrs Penny Seeber, daughter of the late Mr Roy Holmes and Mrs Daphne Holmes, of Blackheath, London.

## Memorial service

Mr D. H. Parker Bowles Mr D. H. Parker Bowles
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
and Princess Margaret, Countess
of Snowdon, attended a memorial
service for Mr Derek Parker
Bowles yesterday in the Guards
Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The
Rev R. T. J. K. Wood officiated,
assisted by Canon Edwyn Young.
The Duke of Devonshire read the
lesson. Others present included:
Dame Ann Parker Bowles (ordow). Dame Ann Parker Bowles (widow), balor and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles and Mr and Mrs Simon Parker Bowles (sons and daughters-in-law; Mr Richard Parker Bowles (son), Mr and Mrs Nicolas Paravicini (son-in-law and daughter), Daphne Lady Poole (sister), Cherles and Elizabeth Ann Paravicini (grandchildren).



Darrie Edward and Lady Coschen, Sir Sir Edward and Lady Goschen, Sir Rodolph and Lady de Trafford, Sylvia, Lady Witkinson, Sir William and Lady Mount, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Coldsmid, Major-General Sir James and Lady Bowes Lyon, Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, Sir John and Lady Botth, Sir John Miller, Levitenni-Colonel Sir Martin Gillat, Darne Anstice Gibbs, Mr Michael and Lady Anne Troe, Mr Jermy Tree, Lady Premy Tree, and Lady Bolth, Sir John Miller, Lieutenani-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Dame Ansilto Gibbs, Mr Michael and Lady Anas Troo, Mr Joremy Tree, Major-Genoral Suy Knight, Mr and Mrs Chert Loyd, Mrs Brian Fitz-Gerald, Mr and Mrs David Bowes Lyon. hr Peter Spicer, Mr and Mrs John Parayicini, Major and the Hom Mrs B. M. H. Shand, Mr Mark Shand, Missitzabeth Astor, Mrs Anthony Pyman, Mr and Mrs Peter Walwyn, Major and Mrs Peter Bockwith-Smith, Major and Mrs Peter Walwyn, Major and Mrs Peter Bockwith-Smith, Major and Mrs Peter Bockwith-Smith, Major and Mrs Peter Laycock, Miss J Pugh, Mr Michael Renshaw, Mr and Mrs Mrs Michael Renshaw, Mr and Mrs Mrs Michael Renshaw, Mr and Mrs Michael Renshaw, Mr and Mrs Michael Renshaw, Mr and Mrs Marchonald-Buchanan, Mr Michael A. J. Macdonald-Buchanan, Mr Michael Wangshouse, Mr and Mrs Nglike Walwyn.

## A rare Spanish gold piece of Amedeo I fetches £26,000 in fierce bidding

Sale Room Correspondent Spanish gold coins met fierce bidding at Glendining's yesterday.

A 25 peseta piece of Amedeo I, dating from 1871, brought 526,000 (estimate £3,500), selling to Guinovart, a Spanish dealer. The coln is roughly the size of a gold sovereign, although its face value is 25p at yesterday's exchange It was catalogued as "good,

very fine and rare"; Amedeo I reigned for three years and rarity appears to be the key consideration. It is one of the highest prices for a coin at auction. for a coin at auction.

Several other Spanish coins
produced surprises. An 1810 320
reales of Joseph Napoleon, described as "good, very fine",
made £10,000 (estimate £2,000), to
Calico; an 1823 320 reales of
Ferdinand VII made £7,000 (estimate £1,500) to Calico; an 1814 mate £1,500), to Calico; an 1814 8 escudos of Ferdinand VII made £4,800 (estimate £500), to Guinovart; an 1811 8 escudos of Ferdinand VII made £3,400 (esti-mate £900), to Monnaies et Tymbres Tue sale, which comprised two

private collections, had been catalogued for Glendining's by A. H. Baldwin & Sons. The total was £152,162, with three lots out of 481 unsold. In Bonham's book sale the star In Sonnam's book sale the Star lot, the first edition of a poem about Sir Francis Drake by Charles Fitz-Geffrey, an Eliza-bethan poet, remained unsold at \$4,200 (estimate \$4,000 to \$6,000). A one-leaf holograph manu-

**Jubilee TV** 

on future of

Planning Reporter
The future of London is the subject of a £250,000 project announced yesterday by Thames Television as its main contribution to jubilee year. It will consist of a series of programmes, leading to a conference in July in which the Duke of Edinburgh is to take part.

On 10 processive Bridgers heading.

On 10 successive Fridays, beginning on April 29, the Today programme will examine such issues

as employment, housing, transport and the environment, and there will be two longer programmes before and after the conference.

The conference planning group, under the chairmanship of Mr

under the chairmanship of Mr Max Nicholson, who is in charge

Max Nicholson, who is in charge of the jubilee environmental programme for London, includes Professor Raif Dahrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics, Mr Michael Middleton, director of the Civic Trust, Mr Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, Sir James Swaffield, directorgeneral of the Greater London Council, and Dame Elizabeth Acknowd, former director of the Con-

royd, former director of the Con-sumer Council.

sumer Council.

For its special programme on June 22, beginning at 8.30 pm and continuing until after midnight. Thames will leave the independent

Mc Maurice Shock, aged 50, Weir

Mr Maurice Shock, aged 50. Weir Fellow and mor in politics at University College, Oxford, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Leicester University in succession to Sir Fraser Noble, who has been appointed Principal of Aberdeen University.

Douglas-Home and Baroness

University news

project

London

By John Young

Planning Reporter

script, heavily corrected, of part of Beethoven's string quartet op 59 No 3, was sold for £4,600 (estimate £2,000 to £4,600) to Schnelder, from Cermany. He also bought a one-leaf Haydn manu-script for £2,700 (estimate £1,000) to £2,000)

to £2,000).

Eucild's Elementa Geometria, published in Venice in 1482, made £3,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). to Salloch, from the United States; a pencil inscription stated that the copy had belonged to Lewis Carroll. The sale achieved a net total of £36,290, with 20 per cent unsold by value and 2 per cent by number of lots.

cent by number of lots.

At Sotheby's inhereenth-century Continental painting was in strong demand, the two-session sale totalling £344,670, with 8 per cent unsold. Two landscapes by Barend Cornells Kockkock, the most highly regarded of the family of artists was a full for £7,000 (section). artists, were sold for £17,000 (esti-mate £18,000 to £24,000) and £13,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,00). The normally disregarded Düsseldorf School did well, with Bengt Nordenberg's "The Family Bible Reading", of 1852, at \$11.000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) and an 1853 "Virgia and Child", by Franz Ittenbach, going to Colnahgi's for £4,600 (estimate

for comanger's for 25,000 (estimate f1,200 to f1,600).

Sotheby's also held a two-session sale of Japanese arms and works of art, totalling f104.330, with 3 per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's Belgravia posters, eigenette cards and other enterpers cigarette cards and other ephemera made £14,834, with 5 per cent ua-sold. An advertising poster tur-cod liver oil of about 1910 made £260 (estimate £10 to £20) and 6ft

Swimmer honoured: Mr David

Wilkie, who won an Olympic

gold medal for swimming at

Montreal last year, with the insignia of an MBE, which he

received from the Prince of

Wales, who held an investiture on behalf of the Queen at

Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Tory attack on

V & G regional

The Government's decision to close

the regional services department

is attacked today by Mr Norman

St John-Steras, Conservative spokesman on education and the

In a statement he calls the deci-

in a statement he calls the decision a landmark in the disbandment of the regional arts services, and a totally false economy bound to have a detrimental effect on the cultural life of the country. "Most of the people and institutions affected by this proposal were not consulted about this decision and when they were their

cision and, when they were their advice was not heeded."

Mr St John-Stevas says the de-partment provides the Heblood of

many provincial museums and art galleries and that damage will be

particularly severe because the exhibitions to be dropped are the three-dimensional ones, which are the most attractive in display and

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Feb 23, 1952

Tokyo, Feb 22.—Mr Yoshida, the Prime Minister, summoned his Cabinet today to discuss last night's demonstrations, which the police reported were inspired by Communists to mark "anti-colomi-

zation of Japan day", when an estimated total of 5,000 demonstra-

tors in groups of several hundred injured 20 policemen and damaged property in various parts of the country. The Cabinet consid-

ered measures to strengthen the enforcement of law when the restraints of the occupation end, and the Prime Minister declared that "such riots cannot be tolerated, especially in view of the

service closure

By a Staff Reporter

Kansas City.

At Christie's a sale of important jewels made £179,740, with one minor lot unsold. The £11,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000) paid by Seymour for a fine necklace of

natural history books, travel and atlases, which made 594,514, with 8 per cent unsold. A furniture sale at King and

high (estimate 22,000).
£148,285 stamps: A three-day sale
of stamps at Robson Lowe's, Pail
Mall, ended yesterday with a total
of £148,285. Prices for King
Edward VII issues were particularly high and included £1,500 for
the Harrison 1911 printing of the
3d grey on lemon in mint
marginal state and £270, despite
small faults, for the 1902 2s 6d
to £1 with "Specimen" overprint
(estimate £75).

# Diary tells of

By Philip Howard The diary of Edward Thomas, the poer of the First World War and the countryside, was recently discovered by his grandson and namesake.

Thomas was killed 60 years ago this April, while directing the fire of his barnery during the opening barrage of the Battle of Arras. His diary is a small notebook bound in Pigskin, its cover and pages carriously creased by shell blast. In it he kept a bare but moving account of his last 14 weeks as a soldier, nine of them on the Western From. on the Western Front.

Thomas's interest in nature and

the countryside is always evidens. He notes: "Black-headed bunt-ings talk, rooks caw, lovely white puffs of shrapnel round planes high up"; "Ploughing field nevt to orchard in mist—horses and man a pright up to cert in full

Contributors to the Edward Thomas Centenary Memorial Fund should sent their contributions to Barclays Bank, 42 High Street, Alton, Hampshire.

#### Dartmouth entry

The following candidates were

ny seymour for a fine necessary indicate a renewal of interest in pearls, which have not been much in demand in recent years.

Caristie's also held a sale of

yew elbow chair of Chinese Chip-pendale design made the same price (estimate £300 to £500). Oriental art: In a Phillips sale oricinal art: In a rimings sale of Chinese and Japanese ceramics and works of art, which totalled \$52,980, with 7 per cent unsold, Porter paid \$2,300 for a carved wooden figure of Kuan Yin, of the Yuan-Ming Dynasty, \$60m high (estimate \$2,000).

## chaffinches, rooks, shells and shrapnel

Tromas was killed 60 years ago

man go right up to crest in full view of Hun at Beaurains". Entries comment on the Entries comment on the weather: "A dull morning turns sumy and warm. Chaffinches and partidges, moles working on surface. Does a mole ever get hit by a shell?"

The diary which includes the

The diary, which includes the The diary, which includes me last, uncorrected, poem that Thomas ever write, dated "14.1.17", will be published for the first time in a limited edition this spring by The Whittington

subscription list, and Laurence Whistler has been commissioned to engrave two windows for the lancet windows in the south wall of Steep Church. Hampshire, ppposite the war memorial that carries Thomas's name.

The appeal is being organized by Miss Mrfanwy Thomas, the poet's daughter, Miss Jill Balcon. Sir Alec Guinness, and the Rev Douglas Snelgar, Vicar of Steep. Thomas's reputation as a poet has grown steadly since his death, but his prose work of 20 years is largely inaccessible or unknown. Faber and Faber will accordingly soon publish a selection of his prose and verse on country matters and the rural life of England before 1914 changed the world.

successful for entry on the Supplementary List and joined Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, for the term beginning last Tuesday:

Tuesday:

MDSHIP: IEN: J. D. Alliot. Singapore informal S: K. P. Bayliss. City of Birmingham Poiy: P. Beland, SE Essex. Sixth Form C: P. C. Brand, Renfere MS: W. F. Brown. Grawles C of Tech: A. G. Costello. Qu Mary S. C. Bassinsstoke: P. Fishwitz. Onsell Comp. Southampton. Southampton. F. M. Jackson, Right C. R. Ed. C. C. G. A. Jardinson, R. G. Oxford: J. A. Noble. G. A. Jardinson, C. G. G. A. Jardinson, C. Watton C. G. Ed. G. A. Jardinson, C. G. A. Jardinson, C. Watton C. S. Ed. Kay. Si Aldate C. Goxford: J. A. Noble. Bay House S. Gosport: D. J. Osborne. Bruce Pork S. Gosport: N. T. Sibbit. Bede Sixth Form C. Billingham; R. Somora-Joco. Wymondham C. T. J. D. A. Toon. Dran Clease S. N. Robbisson. SUB-LEUTENANTS: I. N. Robbisson. SUB-LEUTENANTS: I. N. Robbiss. Woray Mouse C of Ed. Edinburgh.

**OBITUARY** 

ment as an assistant director 41

In 1933 he was made head of

a soil physics section formed

mechanics laboratory in Britain.

practical value of soil mechanics

by his investigations of several

landslips involving railway cuttings and retaining walls. In

particular his diagnosis of the

Chingford Reservoir embank-

years later in 1968.

Chasemore, Pulborough, made 556.779 with 5 per cent unsold. There were two unexpected prices

for single chairs, one catalogued as a Georgian-style reproduction manogany frame Gainsborough chair made £1,000 (estimate £220 to £280) and an eighteenth-century

An appeal is soon to be launched for a national memorial to mark the centerary of Thomas's birth in 1878. Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate, has opened the

when Thomas moved to his third and last home, in 1913, he headed a letter: "Steep on Tues-day, and for all I know for ever after". When Thomas moved to his The appeal is being organized

#### Science report

## Oceanography: The forces that waves exert well known for electromagnetic on other types of obstacle in the wave tank, however, both Salter and Longuet-Higgins found that

Three years ago S. H. Salter, of Edinburgh University, proposed that oceans waves could provide Britain with significant amounts of energy if appropriate energyextracting devices were designed:
he proposed a sort of nodding
"duck", and later Sir
Christopher Cockerell added a
design of a flexible raft. Interest
in wave power has remained high,
owing in part to the extraction owing, in part, to the enthusiasm for the technique in a Central Policy Review Suff report on energy sources. Now a study is reported of the forces that waves exert on obstacles in water; it highlights difficulties of anchoring wave-nower devices. it confirms magnifies difficulties of anchoring wave-power devices, it confirms some interpeted results that have appeared in the last year, and it suggests a novel means of

A wave is a means of transmitting energy, and waves on the surface of the deep ocean carry energy from, for instance, winds blowing over the water. Much of the energy is at present dissipated when waves break on beaches; when waves break on bearings; the devices proposed would intercept that energy flow and leave much reduced waves on the lee side, just as anyone sunbathing takes energy from the electromagnetic waves from the Sun, leaving a shadow. But waves do not carry only energy, they can also exert a pressure on any obstacle. This phenomenon is

The rather similar phenomenon for water waves produces forces that are by no means slight. Indeed, a ship broadside to ocean waves will be propelled very slowly downwave by that pressure, and the phenomenon can even be demonstrated in a kinchen sink with a feature newell become demonstrated in a kitchen sink with a floating pencil. Professor M. S. Longuet-Higgins, of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. Cambridge, has been looking at the magnitude of the forces both by theoretical calculations and in laboratory experiments, some in conjunction with builders of wave-power devices.

In deep or moderately deep water the formula for the mean horizontal force, per unit distance along the wave frout, is duite

horizontal force, per unit distance along the wave front, is quite simple. For instance, a typical wave of peak-to-trough height 2 metres completely absorbed by a wave device exerts a force of a quarter of a tonne on each metre of the device. Scaled-down experiments in wave tanks agree closely with theory. Those forces would need to be counteracted by stont moorings; since the size of the force is proportional to the square of the amplitude of the wave, larger waves, characteristic wave, larger waves, characteristic of rough weather, would exert of rough weather, would exert forces up to 10 tonnes a metre or

the force on a horizontal cylinder, beam on to the waves and held just below the surface, was not at all as expected. As the size of the waves grew, the force on the cylinder actually started to act in the opposite direction: the cylinder started to move against the direction of the waves.

The origin of this force is com-

plicated but arises because waves that have to surmount shallow underwater obstacles behave in very different ways from waves in deep water. The wave rears up and may even break—as it does on a beach. The process affects the mean water level over the obstacle and it is possible to build up a small head of water. The exact position of the head depends on the wavelength, but some waves tend to have the head on the leeward side of the obstacle. The then pushes it back against the That reversal of force in certain

circumstances turns out to be very helpful in mooring the Salter duck. In very rough waves the duck keels over and presents a profile relatively close to that of a submerged cylinder, righting itself when the waves abare. The change reduces substantially the drag that would be exerted on the moorings, and means that the extreme stresses mentioned earlier do not have to be provided for. do not have to be provided for. Of course, energy is not extracted when the duck is on its back. One final phenomenon Longuet-Higgins has come up with is the use of wave pressure to propel a boat. If waves can exert pressure. then a wave-maker experiences an opposite reaction as waves leave it. Longuet-Higgins has mounted a small cam on the stern of a tov boat. The cam is used to generate waves, being rocked to and fro by a small motor. The energy from the battery thus drives the boat forward as well as the wave backward. Speeds of up to 15 centimetres a second for the boat have been recorded. In certain circumstances the thrust for a given power consumption is more tayourable for a wave-maker than

tavourable for a wave-maker than for a conventional propeller in which water, not waves, is driven off the stern of the boat. Although still in the model stage, it is just possible that such devices could prove economical for certain sorts of propulsion. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Proceedings of the Royal Society 352, 463-480. @ Nature-Times News Service,

Pioneer work in soil mechanic. Dr L. F. Cooling, the practically minded but he father " of modern British pretended to be an en pretended to be an en

DR L. F. COOLING

soil mechanics, died on His lucid understandi February 15 at the age of 73. Physics enabled him to consignificant era in the development of engineering science in the development of the development of engineering science in the development ment of engineering science in in him. During the war yea emphasis on the invest and analysis of foundation earthworks failures grew Britain. Born in Birmingham, he graduated there in physics in 1925 and later gained an MSc for studies of meteorites. In 1927 he joined the Building studies pointed to weak understanding of the a junior assistant and he remained there until his retire-

programme of intensive

to carry on Professor C. F. Jenkin's work on earth pressure and to study road foundation problems for the ings. Cooling's contribution engineering science were nized in 1952 by his uni Road Research Board. His Jaboratory in the stable block at Garston was the pioneer soil with the award of a DS time in engineering and Institution of Civil Eng-who invited him to their Cooling was the only British participant at the first Interbership—a rare distinction a physicist. In later li national Soil Mechanics Con-Cooling played many I roles in the committees, ference in Harvard in 1936 where he acquired confidence in his subject. By 1937, when he had been joined by Professor A. W. Skempton, FRS, ties and journals concerne the national and interna organisation of soil mech. and Dr H. Q. Golder, he had aroused considerable interest among civil engineers in the He gave the second Ra Lecture "Field measure in Soil Mechanics" to I Mechanics to Geotechnical S British who further recognized importance of his contribu to their cause by creatin Cooling Prize, to be aw annually to the best pre ment failure provided the impetus for the recognition of tion from a young engine function he always looket function he always looket ward to in his retirement. soil mechanics as an engineer-ing discpline throughout Britain Cooling was a keen so man. As a footballer he p and engineers from many professional, commercial and for the England Amateur academic organizations came to the Building Research Station to be trained Cooling was him.

The was a Midland Cotton be trained Cooling was him. to be trained. Cooling was him-self responsible for the analysis of the long-term settlement of the piers of the new Waterloop assistant and golf with

He leaves a widow ar

including a tour in Aust

At Stratford (1954) she

the Nurse in Romeo and Ju-

and during the next season -

she had the small part of Nurse in Titus Andronicus,

to this after a tour with

New Zealand Players in home country (1956-7) returned in the Stratford

first woman chairman of

but not lesst the Friends.
St. George's Church of Yott
lu 1975, she was elected
honorary Preeman of the Wa
shipful Company of Glazier
one of only two women
receive that bonour.

She will be greatly misse, not only in language circle but wherever the cause international inderstanding

and New Zealand.

### MISS ROSALIND ATKINSON

Bridge—a great challenge in senior colleagues view of the excessive subsidence He leaves a

of the old bridge. Cooling was daughter.

Miss Rosalind Atkinson, the and with the Shakest actress, who died on February Memorial Theatre Comp 21 at the age of 76, was among the most staunch professionals of her generation, seldom out of a major company and thoroughly versed in the classical theatre. Her colleagues her dignity and grace as Countess in AIFs Well: Ends Well. In the same knew that she could always fortify a production. Though she gave "peace and quiemess" as her recreation, she was happiest at work: an endearing supporting player of uncommon fibre.
A New Zealander, she was born on April 11, 1900, and pany's European tour and London production of Titueducated in Wellington. Later in England, she studied for the the Stoll in July, 1957. 7 summer she was Lena in F-than Griffin's distinguis play, The Hidden King at Fdunburgh Festival; and S years, had numerous parts on tour, in repertory, and in the West End. In 1939 she toured with Leslie Henson musicals in May, 1958, she had four yo with the Old Vic Company, South Africa and Rhodesia; and in 1941 she began her long career with the classical companies: at first, two years with the Old Vic Company in London East and the United States. and the regions (she was Mistress Page in The Merry Wives of Windsor at the New

There was a break when she played, with John Gielgud, in Crime and Punishment (Globe 1946) and succeeded Edith Evans as Katerina Thereafter,

through four years, she was the long run of Abelord a successively with the Old Vic. Heloise at Wynchams (1970) and at the Chichester Festiv Volumnia in the Coriolams of She appeared also in fib. 1948 had the Roman quality -- and on television. LADY THRELFORD A correspondent writes: As a private patron of the

professions, Lady Thresford, who died at her home in Chelses, on February 11, at the age of 82, was one of the last of a now vanished breed of great public benefactors. Born in 1895 of Kenrish stock, Madeline Threlford made. ber mark relatively late in life, first becoming prominent in language circles in 1949 when as Mrs M. Barnett, she played an important part in restoring the Institute of Linguists' exam-

the Institute of Linguists' examinations in the post-war period. A little later, she was to become Lady Threlford, on her marriage to Sir Lacon Threlford, the institute's founder. On Sir Lacon's death in 1958, she was elected president of the institute, a post she continued to hold for the rest of her life, and remained active in institute affairs until the day she died. day she died. SIR JOHN GILMOUR

remarkable men who had the

indefinable gift of leadership. True he had a quick mind

and could sum up the most

obscure military situation with unerring skill but his very

presence inspired confidence.

never expecting any man to do anything which he himself

could not do.
I remember how in 1940 at

He was indeed a born soldier

and regret.

#### A friend writes:

ordered produce from position are legislated to the ineighbourhood. Brussels, Jock, in the absent on leave of its captain, rod Those who had the good fortune to have known Jock Gilmour will have learnt of his death with infinite sadness command of the Queen's Con Jock was one of that genera-tion just too young to have served in the First World War and just too young in his own eyes to miss the second. It was a long march and thrown

promoted.

Jock at the age of 40 an therefore about twice as of as most of us took turns As a very junior officer in the last war I had the great relieving guardsmen of part 0 l can see him now with likets moved their load. privilege of serving under him. Jock was one of those Bren gun on one shoulder and

a heavy bag of ammunition the other marching along with the utmost nonchalance. Other there are who can testify this professional skill as a stock broker. But whether as soldier stockbroker or farmer he ex. celled in all three. . His memory will not easily fade from the minds of all his

many friends and relations.

At this sad time our thoughts the time when the 1st Battalion and prayers go out to his family Grenadier Guards had been in their great loss.

#### PROFESSOR BERTRAM WOLFE

Professor Bertram Wolfe, one He was an early and fierce of the founding members of critic of the Stalin purges. the United States Communist Party, died in California on February 21. He was 81. Wolfe helped found the American party in 1919 and was later on the executive committee of the Comintern and met Stalin, Trotsky and Molotov in Mos-cow. Subsequently he repudi-

One of America's most pro-One of America's most prominent Sovietologists he was an member of the Institute of the Province of the Soviet Union at the So Columbia University, New York, and was Professor of Soviet History in the University of California. Among his many, is books were Three Who Made a cow. Subsequently he repuding Revolution (1948); Strange Compared Stalin after an open dismunists I have Known (1965); to pute with him and broke away and Lepin, The Architect of from the main stream of the Twentieth Century Totalitarian-United States Communist Party. ism (1967).

investigations in which d measurements were made behaviour of structures a

earth dams, tunnels and

chiding various tours in USSR and Europe, the Mic-Her most important pe-during this period were k. Prism in The Importance Being Eurnest, and again,
Nurse in Romeo and July
During the last years of I stage life she acted at varie
times wish the Oxford Ph

End-she was Sister Godric the long run of Abelard a: She appeared also in fib.

She bad many other interes. She had been a member of t Anglo-Belgian Union sin 1953, and after serving it various offices, she became the at

first woman charman of council, in 1973. In 1968 a received the order of Chevel of the Belgian Order day Couronne. She was also a me ber of the council of the Luxembourg Society in Londo, and a member of the Europea. Atlantic Group, the Britian Atlantic Committee, and la the Date Seserve aprilement of the seserve and sese C.ES. He part 1

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## THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

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Argentine

ranches sold

**Bond Liebig** 

Brooke Bond Liebig is to raise \$18,800,000 (£11,100,000) through the sale of its Argen

tine rach interests to a local syndicate. The ranches have been controlled by Liebig since the beginning of the century.

The disposal will throw up a £6,500,000 surplus over the £4,600,000 book value of the 350,000 acre holding the cash.

the roup stated yesterday, will not be coming back to the United Kingdom. Its likely des-

rination is the Canadian food, teac, coffee and spices subsid-

iaries and the smaller United States offshort.

"BBL is currently underca-pitalized ib both areas but the

new cash injection will create a much stronger base in mar-

kets in which we believe we can make headway", Mr H. F. Somerville, finance director,

The group's meat processing

operations in Argentina will be unaffected by the sale; but the market has taken the view that

the disposal is a significant step in the reducton of politi-

cally sensitive interests with the consequent improvement in

the quality of earnings.

The ranches made pre-tux

profits of £1m in the year to

end-June last-broadly in line with the previous year. But the

extreme volatility in the Argentinian peso has been a

major influence in the sudden changes n the level of past

In the year 1973-74, the ranches are understood to have

last year's levels. At June 1975, a

turned in around four times

there were 65 pesos to the pound but in 12 months the

parity soared to 459. BBL con-

which to remark to the renches are regarded as poor cash flow reparators with capital the land

rying capacity.

The deal raises the possibility of further sales elsewhere.

about £2m invested in Brazil.

for instance, and the net worth

of its Paraguayan operation is estimated at around £10m.

However, if the peso is among the most volatile South

American currencies the Para-

guayan guarani is one of the

most stable. Profits from this

area have reached a peak £2m.

South America. BBL has

ploughed back into the land and herds to improve their care.

which to remit profits.

servatively takes the most onerous exchange rate at

by Brooke

Pressures on

## ittersley refusal to stop bcock takeover after it in monopolies panel

ersley, Secretary of Prices and Consumer was at the centre ist night for refusing contested merger be pert Morris and Babilcox. By a majority two, the Monopolies two, the monopolies i, in a report to the of State, held that it might be expected against the public

Hattersley's yesterday claimed none statement, that required under the grant to enable him tion against Babcock Moreover, the arguere finely balanced, zed by a minority

members of the rject to the amalga-re its chairman, Mr esne, QC, and Dr es, the former Mul-The members who n accountant, Mr rshall, president of

union leader. ersley received the on report a The Government a study, on the reng in late October. six, including the chairman, began ;ation but one mem-/. M. Marshall) had or medical reasons,

divided five. erger reports are unut the last time a team was seriously is in the case of between Barclays, i Lloyds banks, with ividing 6 to 4, back wever, the Babcocknt affair, and trade rests demanded a

study.
's publication of the rris findings reveals The majority held quisition of Morris iger the company's

ment programmes.

It would, in the majority three's view, put at risk sales by Morris in markets served by American Chain and Cable, a Babcock subsidiary which has

similar products. The members felt the acquisition should not be permitted, and also said the existing Babcock shareholding in Morris would enable it materially to influence the latter's policy and gain board representation. They wanted the holding to be cut from 40 per cent to no more than 10 per cent, with a ban on voting rights as the holding was

on against Babcock
Moreover, the argu.

In contrast, their chairman,
Mr Le Quesne, and Dr Jones,
and against the held that while Morris in recent years had been successful and enterprising, it would not suffer any prejudice from union with a group as well established, well organized and well managed as they considered Babcock. They saw no reason to doubt the strength of future management once things settled down, and rejected fears about

it was against the North American sales-est were Mr Jeremy Yesterday, Mr John Fraser, a accountant, Mr Minister of State for Prices and rsball, president of Consumer Protection, said that Congress, and Mr Hattersley could only take binson, former footunion leader.

ersley received the remaining report and found it against the public interests.

> However, in some quarters this explanation may come in for criticism. The fact that the Government has powers to act with the right majority does not mean that it has to stand aside. Governments can use persuasion, and legal powers in the monopolies area are usually regarded only as a weapon of last resort.

What is worrying experts is that a company which buys a significant holding in another can now go shead in spite of a majority Commission vote against its proposals for acqui-sition. Whitehall has left itself some future situation when a controversial deal involving a merger reference may not be sound by that decision."

Mr Ryan, speaking personally before consulting the rest of the workforce, said he thousand the same and the same merger reference may not be

to its liking.
Under Schedule 3 (16) of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, Mr Hattersley is obliged (if he is to make an Order banning a merger) to disregard a merger

three to two vote is fractionally under two thirds.

Some high Whitehall politics may be involved. Babcock and Wilcox is awaiting critical Government decisions on power generation equipment orders.

It is known that the Department of Industry felt Morris would make good progress by retaining its independence, yet it then backed the merger. Industrial

strategy reports were cited in the evidence taking. Three unions opposed the merger, with Trades Union Congress help. Sunderland Shipbuilders, British Steel, and Mattersons saw no advantage in a merger.

Jesmond Quigley writes: The board of Herbert Morris and union officials at its plants last night withdrew from an agree-ment to accept the findings of the Commission on the £4m bid from Babcock.

There is now the threat of legal action from the company while the workforce may take industrial action, including a strike, if Babcock proceeds with the bid, as it is bound to do under the rules of the Take-

do under the rules of the Takeover Code.

The Government's decision
sent Morris's shares racing up
from 148p. to 164p—44p above
the 120p a share Babcock offer
The Herbert Morris board
commented last night that it
was "astounded dismayed and
finds it inconceivable that the
Minister has not followed the Minister has not followed the recommendations of the Com-

mission".

"We do not accept the findings and we will challenge them", it added. "We are taking legal advice."

Mr Ray Ryan, convenor of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "We gave an undertaking to the Department of Industry that we would accept the Commission's findings, but we did not say we would accept the Minister's decision. I do not think that we are bound by that decision."

members would take appro-priate action—strikes if necessary-to try to prevent the takeover.

Babcock and Wilcox said it would be reinstating the bid, and added that the Herbert the effectiveness of conclusion if it is not by at Morris high share price was be-nent; plant modern- least two-thirds of the mem-cause of "an artificial market".

dish plans to halve shipyards so that they could hedge for-ward production on futures markets without risking having

## Standard offers \$130m in bank deal

The bid would, if successful, lead to the merger of Bank of California and Standard Chartered's existing Californian subsidiary, the Chartered Bank of London. However, it was by no means certain last night that the bid would be successful

The two managements have been talking since Christmas, bur ahead of any discussion of the price BanCal's board took the view that its shareholders would be best served if the group was to remain indepen-dent. And Lord Barber, Standard Chartered's chairman, emphasized last night that there

was "no question of our pursu-ing the offer if they reject it ".

Moreover, the position of the major shareholder in BanCal, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, is by no means clear. The Baron holds 28 per cent of BanCal's shares Lord Barber pointed out last night that while he had

LME may

ease rules of

membership

A change in the London

Metal Exchange's membership qualifications, which would allow overseas companies to be full ring dealing members, was suggested yesterday by Mr

Robert Gibson-Jarvie, executive secretary of the LME.

Speaking at a London commodities conference, he said that membership was likely to

become corporate rather than individual and it was likely that

this would be expanded to include foreign companies. Under the present rules, lead-

ing foreign metal companies

wishing to trade on the LME have to establish companies in

Mr Gibson-Jarvie said that

over the past few years the LME had been active in trying

to establish the net trading

position of its members. A com-promise was still being sought between preserving the LME

principal's contract without establishing a full clearing

Monitoring of the LME had

the objective of preventing firms either over-trading in relation to their financial

the United Kingdom.

By Wallace Jackson

Lord Barber said last night:
"With the changing role of
sterling and the increasing role of the dollar as a trading cur-rency, it must be right for a major bank like us to have an

the areas in which it has tradi-

Tuesday night

anhere.

important presence in the United States.". The acquisition of Bank of

Raçal Electronics yesterday

launched its expected counter

bid for Ultra Electronic Hold-

ings with a cash offer of 185p

a share. This is much higher

than Dowty Group's share swop

proposals which, at last night's

price, was worth an effective 1541p.

At the same time as announc-

ing its bid—which is 110p higher than the level of Ultra's shares before the bidding started last Thursday—Racal disclosed that it had increased its bullion.

its holding in Ultra to 26.7 per

The board of Ultra, which had believed that a Racal

counter bid was a strong possi-

bility, was meeting last night to consider its position, while the Dowty board was also assessing the situation. Dowty has 12 per cent of Ultra.

Before the Ultra meeting,

By Our Financial Staff

Racal counterbids for

Ultra with 26 pc stake

By Adrienne Gleeson

Standard Chartered, the British group which operates in operates in 60 countries, is offering \$130m (about £76m)

for the assets of a United States company whose principal subsidiary is the oldest bank on the West Coast, the Bank of California.

The bid would, if successful, lead to the merger of Bank of limits of lead to the merger of Bank of lead to the merger of Bank of limits lead to the merger of Bank of lead to the lead to th day with a majority holding rather than complete control. The bid, would, if successful, leave BanCal's shareholders with \$30 in cash, as against the \$21.75 at which it closed on Theeday night. more with potential future profits than with any immediate increase in earnings. BanCal's profits have been falling consistently over the past six years, in part reflecting an unfortunate involvement with property; The attempt to buy Bank of California fits Standard Chartered's overall strategy, which is to diversify away from and its management has under-gone several changes during that period.

Lord Barber said, however, that he did not think the price offered was too high because "the potential is very good The bid, which will be made in cash, is subject to the agree-

tionally been strong, former British colonies in the Far East and Africa, and to build a presence in the Western hemiment of BanCal's board and shareholders, "to the satisfac-tory outcome of the customary business investigations", and to the necessary banking, governmental and regulatory authori-ties' approval in the United Kingdom and the United States. Financial Editor, page 19

the company's value".

vanced by draulics.

Dowty is believed to have

the "Sonobuoy" anti-submarine device and other more specific

Some City sources believe that in the event of Racal-

succeeding in taking over Ultra it might consider hiving off the

Racal in its announcement

yesterday said that it intends to maintain and further

Mr Birch commented that while the Ultra board had a

duty to shareholders it also had

control systems to Dowty.



Lord Barber: "the potential is very good indeed".

## £13m rights issue by China Clays

English China Clays yester day became the first sizable company this year to make a rights issue. Britain's largest producer of clay products is proposing to raise £13.4m via a one for six issue at 62p. Ultra, Racal and Dowty are all Ministry of Defence con-tractors, but whereas Ultra and Racal specialize in sophisticated electronics, Dowty deals in ad-

The company has received Treasury permission to raise its dividend by 43½ per cent to 5.4p a share gross, and this helped been primarily interested in Ultra's electronic control equip-ment for aircraft turbines while the shares rise 10p to 84p Explaining the reasons for the issue, the company said that the cash was needed now "to meet worthwhile military items are believed to be of paramount interest to Racal. expenditure . . and pro-vide financial flexibilty for

the future". Money will be required to develop "promising new china clay products" and to meet additional working capital requirements. ECC announced that it was

develop Ultra's business". Any proposal to split the company is likely to be resisted by Ultra. It was negotiating also for the acquisition of a small roadsurfacing company for £500,000. Financial Editor ,page 19

allocations

By Roger Vielvoye

allocations.

definite date.

Equipment.

Energy Correspondent

All 24 oil company groups

offered new exploration licences

in British waters as part of the fifth round distribution two

weeks ago have taken up their

Mr Benn, Secretary of State

a sixth round allocation was not very far away although he could not announce a

He said that the British share of the North Sea market had risen last year from 52 per cent that was achieved in 1975.

Unofficial indications are that

the United Kingdom share will have risen to between 55 and

60 per cent, although the total size of the equipment market fell to around £1,000m compared with £1,185m in 1975 and £1,279m in 1974.

making a £4.5m agreed bid for Boddy Industries, a Sheffield-based private company with interests in quarrying, waste disposal and fuel distribution.

but BBL suffered a film lo-s last year after an abnormally late start to the slaughtering business in Paraguay will break even this year and there are no immediate plans to

withdraw either from ranching or meat processing. The shares a firm market recently, rose 3 p yesterday to 51 p. Although the Argentinian sale is not expected to make a material difference to profits for the current year, estimates have been steadily

Profits of £38m preray are now at the top end of the range against £24.6m last time excluding £2.3m from property

One of the factors involved Not less than 40 per cent of in timing of the round would be the results of international arbitration of the disputes be-tween Britain and France and the ranch sale consideration is due on March 31 and the balance, on which interest will be charged, will be due within the following 12 months. with the Republic of Ireland over offshore boundaries, he told the Council of British Manufacturers of Petroleum

## More than £20m goes

The estimated cost of fire damage in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) in January was £22.4m the British Insurance Association reports. This compares with £17.5m in January 1976.

## up in flames

The largest fire during the month, at a warehouse complex in Scotland, was estimated at around £4m.

#### n, Feb 23.—A speculate on an additional 2,000 1979, a 35 per cent decrease compared with the 1974 level. Further cuts during the 1980s-coposed far-reaching oposed far-reaching ures to secure the Swedish shipyards, The commission noted that

ing that the capacity the shipyards at present emlaif and the number ployed more people than they needed and had more capacity than the market could use.

It proposed 16 822 amplements the profit in 1976. Despite this, the is losing their jobs. It proposed 16,823 employees commission wants it to commentators here in shipbuilding by the end of 300 employees redundant.

were considered as possible. Last year shipbuilding employed 23,391 people.

commission wants it to make

director of the International Commodity Clearing House, said that producers should have access to international finance

to pay large margin calls.

He thought that funds from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund might provide this margin finance.

### Mr Edwin Birch, managing director commented: "The offer is certainly an advance a duty to the company's on the Dowty one and some-employees. Speaking at the same confer MP lobbied over Serck bid 24 oil groups

neering Workers, the mayor of take up N Sea Representatives of a fifth of the workforce of Serck, the hear exchange and valve group, lobbied their MP, Mr Gerry Fowler (Labour, Wrekin) yesterday, to express their opposition to the £34.5m takeover bid from Associated Engineering

neering.
The 1,000 employees of the Serck Audco factory in New-

the state of confidence was the

of half a dozen Arab shaikbs-

who could introduce another oil embargo at any time".

Here he noted that the

most important priority.

Newport, Mr Len Boniface, Mr Bill Ferris, the managing direc-Bill Ferris, the managing director, and Mr Terry Adam, an Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff representative.

A one-day token strike against the bid was held at the small works in Derby yesterday. Similar action was taken at Nottingham earlier in the week.

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## port, Shropshire, were repre-sented by two members of the Amalgamated Union of Engichief attacks Carter budget proposals as fuel for inflation fears

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"Tax rebates thrown

From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 23

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the United States Federal Reserve system, today used unusually bold and blum language to criticize the Carter Administration's economic poli-

Dr Burns said the Adminisin some degree may turn out flationary fears have in-

the cash tax rebates to every American would weaken business confidence: "All these rebate cheques—throwing them out from airplanes-I think we should just calm down...what this country now badly needs is an anti-inflation policy."

Dr Burns gave a broad hint ment was only weakening the that the Fed may tighten prospects by "constant fussits monetary policies when ing "with policies.

he noted that in recent months Dr Burns said a major prob-

Administration's economic poincies.

He gave a warning that these policies were producing new fears about inflation.

Dr Burns said the Adminis-Dr Burns said the Administration's Budget, announced yesterday, which involves increased public spending, "is stirring up new fears and new expectations of inflation that the discovery that the discovery that the proper degree may turn out flationary fears have in the control of the fears and because increased the control of the fears have in the control of the fears and the cont

There were many indications He told the joint economic that the economy was expanding and it was quite probable the President's plan to distribute cash tax rebates to every of this year would be below 7 per cent with real economic growth rising by an annual rate of abour 6 per cent by

Under such circumstances, he said, fiscal stimulus seemed inappropriate and the Govern-

The Times index: 165.95+1.91

The FT index: 402.1+4.4

Dr Burns said a major prob-lem centred on the reluctance of business to invest. This was in some degree because busi-

nessmen were troubled by the expansion of the federal Budget; were worried about an intensification of inflation, and were fearful that wage and price controls might be introduced at some time. introduced at some time.

He did feel it was most un-fortuate that the Administra-tion should now be talking of establishing some system of prenotification of major wage and price increases as expec-tations of controls were still

Dr Burns said that "this country will need to develop an incomes policy—but this is not the best time because the business community is still fearful". He said that cash rebates did not rebuild confidence, nor did rather vaguely defined public

works programmes. Improving

The bank's economists sug-

gest that the growth in American bank lending to non-oil producing developing countries is likely to slow this year, but the amount may still remain large. They suggest that the degree of risk involved in these

Concern over the indebted-

loans is often overstated. The figures come at a time

From Our US Economics

Washington, Feb 23

oil embargo at any time."

Dr Burns's fears about inflation are not shared by Dr Charles Schultze, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, who met journalists He said the Administration hoped to settle an anti-inflation policy in one or two months. He left no doubt that a central feature of this policy would be a system of prior notification of wage and price increases. increases. Dr Schultze said this system

would not be anything like the British social contract. It would establish broad goals on consultation with business and guidelines. A great deal of the construction industry.

work still had to be done on how best to organize the sys-tem and it was likely that its greatest effect would be on greatest importance must be attached to planning policies that produced greater energy self-sufficiency as "our econo-mic future is still at the mercy prices, where it might produce some moderation in increases. Dr Schulcze said other ele ments of an anti-inflation policy could include an early warning system on industrial production bottlenecks and shortages and then a system of buffer stocks may be considered, as well as introducing better controls on government spending and on government regulations that promoted higher private sector operating Dr Burns told the congres-

sional committee that an anti-inflation policy should possibly contain means of stimulating productivity, abolition of restrictions on agricultural output removal of legislation that limited construction development, modification of current minimum areas loss constructions. consultation with business and minimum wage laws, tariff labour, but it would not in liberalization and creation of volve specific wage and price national bargaining councils in

## Poorer nations' US debts up 23pc

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the markets moved

\$139.625.

\$DR-\$ was 1.15622 on Wednesday, while SDR-\$ was 0.676548.

Commodities: Coffee prices recovered. Reuter's index was at 1641.0 (previous 1639.9).

Reports, pages 20 and 21 C139.625. gained 5 points to close . The " effective devalua-te was 43.3 per cent. se \$1.75 an ounce to

Share prices

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Wall Street Bank Base Rates Table

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Gillett Brothers

Prospectus:

of increasing concern in official circles about the growing structural problems caused by the continuing used for external financing of non-Opec develop-Interim Statements: BOC International Challenge Corporation ing countries. Daejan Holdings ness of some countries has led Lee Valley Water Company

to speculation that they may have to default on their loans, and there have been cases of developing countries, being forced to seek a rescheduling of Total United States bank loans outstanding to non-oil pro-ducing developing countries are repayment.

The report points out that the total volume of outstanding estimated to have increased by 23.5 per cent to \$53,600m (about £31,529m), in the ninemonths to the end of September, 1976. losus by United States banks and their foreign branches to non-oil producing developing countries represents just over 5 per cent of their potal domestic Total foreign loans outstanding by United States banks rose in this period by 14.8 per cent to 5223,200m according to a report published by the Continental Bank of Chicago. and international assets, and that a considerable proportion of these loans are insured or guaranteed by United States Sovernment agencies.

The report notes that loans to developing countries by Ameri-can banks are widely distributed with the largest outstanding claims, totalling \$10,900m to Mexico and \$10,300m to Brazil, being at least five times larger then loans to any other indivi-dual developing country and still representing only about one per cent each of total assets of United States commercial banks. Total international loans by all private banks rose by 13.2 per cent in the first nine months of last year to an estimated \$500,100m, with the amount of

these outstanding claims on developed countries rising by

8.5 per cent to \$296,300m. The claims outstanding on non-oil developing countries rose by 21.1 per cent to \$86,800 million. David Blake writes: The share of financing of developing countries deficits covered by commercial banks has increased charoly in the pact were In the sharply in the past year. In the period 197476, it had been estimated that the commercial banks accounted for 42 per cent of the developing countries.

only 20 per cent during the period 1972-74.

Some banks, such as Morgan Guaranty, which is acknowledged to be among the most knowledgeable in the field, have called for increased official activity to take a share of the activity to take a share of the developing countries financing

new financing, compared with

This call was echoed yester This call was echoed yesterday at a Financial Times/The
Banker conference by Mr
Robert Solomon, a former
United States Reserve official
who is now a Fellow of the
Brookings Institution, and Mr
J. A. Kirbyshire, Chief Adviserto the Bank of England.
The Bank's Governor, Mr
Gordon Richardson, has also
called for a greater official
response.

## DAEJAN HOLDINGS

#### INTERIM STATEMENT Unaudited Results for the Half Year Ended 30th September 1976

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Rental Income less Property Outgoings 2,376 Profits from sales of Properties : Held for trading (less interest) Held for investment (see note industrient (see note below) Interest Receivable · 52 2,919 Financing Charges, Expenses and Depreciation. 2,634 2,360 Group Profit before Taxation 559 373 Deduct : Taxation Minority interests Net Profit €294 £178 Earnings Per Share An Interim Dividend of 1.1375p per share actual (1975—same) will be paid on 5th April 1977 to shareholders registered on 4th March 1977. This will absorb £185,360.

A number of properties owned by investment subsidiaries are being realised since it is no longer economic to retain them. In view of the increasing frequency of these sales the Company has been advised that the surpluses arising from them should be credited to profit and loss account thereby increasing the profits available for distribution. The comparative figures have

Profits for the full year to 31st March 1977 are expected to be at approximately the same level as the previous year.

## Urgent call by steel union for import duties

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the steel industry's biggest union, has called on the Government to impose duties on imports of steel products at the lower end of the market that are threatening jobs in private and public sector steelmaking.

In a letter to Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation criticizes the Govern-ment for "failing to act" while steel products are dumped in Britain by countries unconcerned about the impact of their trading policies. He has asked for the immediate imposition of duties to prevent further hardship to steel workers.

Mr Sirs told Mr Dell: "We are concerned about non-alloy sections and flets which together with reinforcing bars are the main raw material of the construction industry, and as we are both aware the construction industry is in the depths of a recession.

"The home market for sections and flats has declined from 865,000 tonnes in 1974 to 600.000 tonnes in 1976. At the same time imports-mainly through city merchants selling to stockholders -have risen from 24,000 tonnes in 1973 to 88,000 ronnes in 1976. Many of these imports are at dump prices and we understand that you are already in possession of fully documented antidumping cases against Spain, South Africa and Japan."

"You will be aware that 40 per cent of the United Kingdom production is by the British Steel Corporation, mainly

or redundancy in this area is adding to a burden which is the worst in the whole country. The remaining 60 per cent is produced by various British Independent Steel Producers Association works in the West Midlands, Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds in Cardiff and

Sirs argues. "Some of these works have no other product to make and therefore the loss of shifts to employees and the threat or redundancy in the next two or three macths could be a faral blow to many of the areas affected by such imports.

Martins (Dundyvan) in Scotland, Mr

It was "absolute lunacy" for this country to be importing unemployment. The Irish Republic. Mr Sirs notes, imposed a £22 per tonne duty from February 4 on sections from Spain.

#### French set out terms of loans for sector

M Jean Philippe Lecat, French presidential spokesman, said yesterday that the French Government was willing to make loans to steel companies to finance investments but with several conditions, including a requirement to ledge shares as a guarantee (Reuter

He said the companies would have to lodge shares in their portfolio with the Caisse des Depots et Consignations, through which the French authorities intervene in financial markets.

M Lecat gave no details of the maxi-

willing to make available to the steel

He said the Cabinet decided the loans would be conditional on the steel groups putting up sizable financing for investments themselves.

The state would have a clause in loan agreements through which it would par-ticipate in improved financial results. The groups would also have to undertake to help create jobs in areas suffer-

ing from unemployment because of steel reorganization and the government would create an inter-ministerial economic and financial control body to ensure the groups respected their industrial, social and financial under-

The Government planned to limit the number of redundancies likely to result from this programme and had asked employers and unions to reach an industry-wide social agreement before April 15.

#### Newport to be centre of electrical steels

British Steel Corporation confirmed yesterday that it plans to close part of its Brierley Hill works in the west Midlands and to concentrate production of electrical steels at the Orb works, Newport, South Wales. A £73m modernitation scheme is planned for New-nort, which will involve 190 more jobs between 1979 and 1983.

At the Cookley Alphasil works at Brierley Hill, 640 out of the 1,100 total of jobs are likely to go. But the cor-

poration says that the actual redundan-cies will be fewer because of normal

turnover, natural wastage and control

of recruitment, The corporation is the sole United Kingdom producer of electrical steel, which has magnetic properties suitable use in electrical machines-

### Employers' levy to go up by 85 pc

An 85 per cent increase in the employers' levy to finance the grants scheme of the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board has been approved by Mr Albert Booth. Secretary of State for Employment. The levy will go up from 513.50 to £25 for each employee

Employers who have fewer than 26 employees, or who meet the board's training requirements in full, are exempt from the levy. This latter condition applies to 98 per cent of the

#### Blastfurnacemen in Llanwern talks today

Five hundred striking blastfurnacemen at British Steel Corporation's most modern plant at Llanwern, near Newport. South Wales, are to meet today to discuss demands for improved work-

ing conditions.

The walkout on Monday halted iron and steel production at the £300m com-plex. It was feared that thousands of layoffs could follow if there was no

from April L

British Steel Corporation's plants.

#### In brief

## £9m pump plant will provide up to 800 jobs

600 and 800 people is to be built near Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, by Grundfos Fanufacturing, part of the Danion Grundlus pump group.

Mr Peter Hooper, managing director of the Eritis 1 compary, said yesterday that construction of the £3m first phase would begin later this year, and would be completed early in 1979. The overall project would take 10 years to complete.

He said that at present the company manufactured domes-ticentral heating circulator pumps at a factory at Washington, Tyne & Wear.

#### German upsurge in car production

West German motor vehicle production in January rose to 359,300 units from 300,394 in December and 305,932 in January 1976. Car production rose to 330,500 from 273,960 in December and 281,545 a year ago Commercial vehicle output rose to 28,800 from 25,434 and 24,387.

#### Supertankers cleared of high accident rate

Supertankers do not have mores accidents than smaller vessels, says the first report of the Tanker Safety Group published yesterday. Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Companies, Aviation and Shipping at the Department of Trade, said he had decided to publish the report now because anxiety about the safety of tankers had

A 59m pump factory which been renewed by five well-eventually will employ between publicized accidents to tankers publicized accidents to tankers in the past three months in, or near, United States waters.

The group, an official committee representing the oil and shipping industries and the men's unions, and chaired by the Department of Trade, reviewed serious tanker accidents between 1968 and 1975 and concluded there was no cridence to suggest that the casualty rate increased with the size of ship.

#### **Brokers Bill passes** committee stage

The committee stage of the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill was completed yesterday. The Bill is designed to protect the public by establishing a system of registration of insurance brokers and the regulation of their professional standards. Unregistered brokers will be burred from describing themselves as insurance brokers and as assurance brokers, reinsur-ance brokers, and reassurance

The proposed offence carries a maximum fine of £400.

#### Alvis wins £8.5m order from Canada

products division company, has won a £8.5m order to supply gun turrets for a new range of armoured cars for the Canadian was incurred with the relocaarmed forces. The contract is for 152 Scorpion 76mm gun turrets for the new six-wheeled amphibious "Cougar". They will be built under licence at the General Motors plant at London Optation. London, Ontario.

## More Leyland workers laid off

By R. W. Shakespeare
The number of workers laid off in British Leyland car operations over the next few plants throughout the country rose to nearly 19,000 yesterday, as more workers were sent home as a result of the stateowned car group's troubles among toolmakers.

The lay-offs of another 3,700 workers brought Allegro car production to a standstill at Leyland's, big Longbridge com-plex at Birmingham, and the strike, by some 3,000 tool-makers in 11 different centres, is expected progressively to

days. It could finally make more than 30,000 workers idle. Last night, no immediate response was apparent from shop stewards who are leading the unofficial strike to the instruction from the Amalgumated Union of Engineering Workers national executive that the stoppage should be called off.

The stewards, a breakaway group, have called the strike among Leyland's 6,000 tool-

separate negotiating rights and a restroation of skilled differentials, which they claim have been eroded by successive government pay policies.

toolmakers' comes on top of other disturb ances in Levland plants which have already crippled produc-tion. At Coventry, the Triumph complex is still closed by a strike of 350 paint shop workers, and at Cowley, Oxford. by a walk out of maintenance

#### Thos Cook back in profit with £2.5m pre-tax By Patricia Tisdall

The Thomas Cook travel

and banking group, which is controlled by the Midland Bank, has returned to profitability after pre-tax losses of £2.73m in 1975. Mr Tom Fisher, the chief executive, said yesterday that pre-tax profits for 1976 rotalled £2.5m and, despite a depressed travel market in Britain, gross profits for this ear are expected to be even

> The figures take account of the high expense of exchange translation to sterling, which last year cost Thomas Cook some £1.8m compared with £0.5m in 1975. This is a big factor in taking down the trading profit figures of £4

organization.

## Management terms hold up Saudi takeover of Aramco

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Feh 23.—Numerous points still must be settled before Saudi Arabia can complete the long-pending takeover of Arabian American Oil (Aramco), Mr Frank Jungers, Aramco chairman, said today.

Management fees, would go to Aramco's share-holders after the Saudi nationalization, were among the points that still must be negotiated. Mr Jungers said in an inter-

The four shareholders are Standard Oil of California, Exxon, Texaco, and Mobil. Since 1974. Aramco's produc-tion facilities and fields have been 60 per cent-owned by the l Saudi Arabia is negotiating to take over the whole company, includ-

ing all production operations and the 600,000 barrel-a-day

Jungers said.

in Rivadh, Shaikh Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, reaffirmed the Government's intention of making conditions attractive enough for Aramco equity-holders to remain in the country. Details of the management contract this involves must be negotiated. This would have the four companies continuing to manage Aramco.

The management fee has been estimated at around 15 cents to 21 cents a barrel of production, with the figure varying according to whether it applies to all output or just to that taken by the com-panies. "Those are all speculative guesses", Mr Jungers said.

Tapline, a crude oil pipeline Lebanese Mediterranean coast, seems to be the unwanted step-child in the takeover. The line has a capacity of 500,000 barrels a day, but only a trickle of petroleum has been pumped through it in recent years. Negotiations involving

Aramco have dragged along for years, largely because of the complexities of the takeover.

#### SE chairman critical of **Bullock** report

Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said yesterday that the Bullock report's proposals did not seem to be about industrial democracy or the hopes and fears of real people but were about the further advance of trade union

Speaking to the London's Junior Chamber of Commerce, he said: "Lord Bullock seems to me to have put the cart before the horse. Of course par-ticipation is important, and of course we must involve the people whose livelihood depends on the prosperty of the firm for which they work in its plans, and if we can, in its decisions.

"But it is difficult to find real people in the pages of the Bullock report, the proposals try to impose an impractical legal framework on a system which is not ready for it.

"They reject the many sensible schemes of participa-tion which British companies have evolved organically over many years, and they promote academic theory and try to give it the dangerous status of law, using catchwords in an attempt to lull us into a sense of

They run the risk of killing the horse—commerce and in-dustry—which is trying so hard to provide the motive power for our country's social objectives."

#### Construction films awards

By Eynon Smart
At the Shell Centre Theatre
yesterday Mr Ronald Sharp, the
chaiurman of the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, presented the four category
awards in the 1976-77 construction

awards in the 1976-77 construction films cor Attition.

The winner of the trophy presented by the Institution of Civil Englueers was "The Majes Project from Tarmac Lnd. The RIBA Trophy for Architecture and the design of the physical environment went to Europa Nostra for their film of the same name. Pilkington Brothers Lud took the Buildinging materials category with "Versatility in Glass", and "Eyes owDn" from the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and the Construction Industry and the Construction Industry Training Board gained the Cement and Concrete Association Trophy in the training and safety cate-gory.

#### obtain a stay in the members' voluntary liquidation of Edward Wood, Norwithstanding, in September 1973 leading Chancery counsel revised his earlier written opinion by stating that the court would be unlikely to grant a stay unless

My investment banking company, as agents of the majority family shareholder considered this extra statutory imposition commercially unjustifiable, and certainly not an arrangement that a man of business, acting in his own interest, would reasonably approve. Moreover the voluntary liquidator, then in sole charge of the com-pany's affairs, effectively im-posed this principle of an acquisition upon the share-

there were substantial acquisi-

tion agreements by the com-

pany in liquidation.

holders via their scheme. It became as it were a condition precedent for the court to grant a stay in the liquidation.
Accordingly the simple provision of section 256 of the Act, though approved by share holders and initially favoured by counsel, had to be aban-doned in favour of section 206. This section put shareholders under the protection of the court's control over meetings, advertisement and explanatory in the circumstances.

The acquisition of Skibben Winton (SWC) was, I believe, an abuse of the share-holders. The truth is share-holders' interests were prejurisk by their scheme's contractual requirements.

The scheme contained provi-sions which seem to be repugnant to the general law of England, and which had I appreciated at the time I would have opposed rigidly—for example the share purchase provision only made on behalf of Mr F. B. Le Marquand under "duress" as the inspectors note.

inspectors note. On all such issues, vitally affecting the interests of shareholders, and involving the public interest, the inspectors are silent. In my view the condem-nation of a single individual adviser, whether or not justified, among a host of lawyers, accountants, and valuers, can only be designed to avoid the central issue.

My contention is that the City and legal authorities lost sight of the interests of the shareholders of Edward Wood in their preoccupation with the secondary banking crisis.

In the interests of my fellow shareholders I shall continue to press for rescission of the scheme and the restoration of the company. In everyone's in-terest I believe this report should be subjected to further scrutiny. Yours sincerely,

DESMOND LYONS. Alexandra Chambere 32 John William Street,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FICAN 2

to have been well ahead of the

The present multiplicity of

engineering institutions is an historical accident. If we could

put ourselves back to the 1820s

when there was just one insti-

tution, we would be trying hard

to prevent the fragmentation

ever taking place. However, all

that is in the past. Today a

united engineering organization

would have to be more in keep-

ing with the requirements of

today's engineers. It would need

to be more than a learned

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and the other can act as a trade

union, can speak to the Govern-ment on behalf of the doctors

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and has achieved for its

standards and discipline.

established orthodoxy.

## Towards a united organization for professional engineers

Sir, Your Business Diarist's report (February 16) that the Covernment will be holding an inquiry into the organization of the engineering professions will be welcomed by many engineers but tinged with regret that the pressure has had to come from outside the profession. Mr Derek Harris has been telling us for two years of the unhappy gyrations in engineering world which have led to this situation.

The general public is probably indifferent to the method society with the usual functions of examination, maintenance of engineers choose to organize The doctors seemed to have managed this better than we have. They have two parallel organizations, the GMC and the themselves. It does not necessarily follow that new bridges, chemical works, aeroplanes or cars will be better, safer or cheaper if there is one engineering institution or a hundred.

But the engineers themselves are not indifferent. It has been clear to some of us for a long time that some united body must one day be created if only to ensure that the country's engineers can speak with one voice to the Government. In this

Edward Wood:

case for scheme

to be set aside

From Mr Desmond Lyons

Sir, One of the fundamental

liberties of a free and demo-

cratic society is the right of

reply, particularly on matters concerning the public interest. Happily The Times has long upheld this most basic of

English traditions. You print

in today's Times (February 18),

at some length, extracts from a

I hope therefore you will allow

me, through the courtesy of your columns, to make at least

one point of general public in-terest on behalf of my fellow

powers under section 165(a)

(i) of the Companies Act 1948, January 1975, shareholders now have to rely, presumably,

upon this report (dated 11 October 1976) for their reme-

dies. Through the report share-holders are informed that the

contractual scheme binding

their interests contains mate-rial information which was "seriously misleading" and

"seriously misleading" and "factually wrong in the context of the Scheme". misleading "

Yet the shareholders, while

under the protection of the court and their voluntary liqui-

dator approved the scheme,

subsequently sanctioned by the

High Court on April 8, 1974.

Common law, statute, and the authorities appear clear: the

scheme ought to be set aside

in the interests of shareholders

dator, agreed by him following shareholders' approval, was to

who were the parties to it.

proposal to the voluntary

Throughout 1973 my

Department of Trade inspectors

report re. Edward Wood

Having exercised

shareholders.

#### ing standards) salaries in addition to their transferable pen-sion rights and index-adjusted pensions. We would appreciate

From Mr Jan Hildreth

Sir. Your correspondents from Associated Non-Executive Directors (February 22) accuse me of putting the directors' cause back 100 years. I am the non-executive director was under attack? I thought I had made it plain that it is the board which has the executive function, not necessarily the individual director. I was not commenting on the respective roles of executive and nonexecutive directors.

My purpose was to point out the difference between political and business decision making. Politics involves reconciling differences of interest; political success can be measured in terms of support gained. Business aims to create tradable goods and services—material wealth—and success in this must be measured in terms of the value placed on these by the customers. While consenis an appropriate means to political decision, it is irrele-vant to business decision which is tested by results. The customer decides, not the company. It is no good telling the customer to eat cake if he wants bread, however much the hoard

The institute's view on the board is the primary organ of and is responsible to the company; it is not the delegate of anyone, not even of the shareholders. Its main functions are to act as the corporate busi-nessman, to lead the management team and to strike a balance between all with a proper interest in the company. We define these as the investors,

respect the rank and file appear an organization which c. that for us.

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The other contention has been to decide wh he admitted to the new tion. At present the tional path to become a as a chartered engineer university degree and aof practical training. ] need not be the only v Engineering is still as

be practised as well as a to be studied and a co: engineer should not cluded because he has t by a different road or late in life. Good engin. scarce enough and reg which exclude the untional will impoverish t fession. The weakness of ate-only entrance recuiit is unlikely that Brasse be able to get into the tion of Civil Engineer wright into the Mechan Marconi into the Electri Yours faithfully,

R. FREER. 27 Campbell Drive.

### Business decision-making

Non-Executive baffled! Perhaps they felt that

agree that it should be cake.

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To be effective the team, sensitive to its re bilities, with the ind members being chosen fo ability to contribute twhole. In this team, th usually a place for the non-executive director. ever, it will not be effec it becomes either a chur of old pals remote fro business of the company political committee of th envisaged by Bullock. Yours faithfully, JAN HILDRETH, Director-General. Institute of Directors. 10 Belgrave S ondon SW1X 8PW.

#### PO response Construction film awards

February 23.

From Mr Erskine Polloci Sir, Nearly twenty years wrote to the Post Office their form SB3 reading: PMG having been notifie that amount has credited. . ." It was teously acknowledged and later informed that the wo would be amended. The form is SB3A. I book Friedman's request (Feb 22) will be similarly treat Yours faithfully ERSKINE POLLOCK Weston-super-Mare,

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## **BOC International Ltc**

Interim report for the three months ended 31 December 1976 Group profits, unaudited:-S. Walker heat be startled shell. That

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Earnings per share (based on 256,614,000 ordinary fully paid shares of 25p in issue at 31 December, 1976) 2.55p 1.99p 10.50p

i) All regions showed improved profits over the December quarter.

of 1975 before conversion to sterling, elthough the Americas and lend were adversely affected by the difficult trading conditions experienced in Canada. 2) The results of the three months to 31 December 1976 include

extra depreciation of £925,000 provided in anticipation of further asset revaluations to be carried out by the end of the current financial year. 3) Sterling has strengthened against other major currencies during the quarter but the effect on Group trading profit was not

Further copies of this report may be obtained from the Secretary. BOC International Ltd., Hammersmith House, London, WS SDX A

**NOTICE OF ISSUE** 

**ABRIDGED PARTICULARS** Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Stock to be admitted

## Lee Valley **Water Company**

## OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £2,000,000

9 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1982

Minimum Price of Issue £99 per £100 Stock

yielding at that price, together with the associated tax credit at the current rate, £13-99 per cent. This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961, and by paragraph 10 of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph, the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order, 1973, such rate was reduced to 2.5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

Imputation tax system, the associated tax credit at the rate of 35/65ths of the distribution, is equal to a rate of 4 11/13ths per cent, per annum, Tenders for the Stock must be made on the Form of Tender supplied with the Prospectus and must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for and sent in a sealed envelope to Barclays Bank (London and International) Limited, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 123.

The Stock will be entitled to a dividend of 9 per cent, per annum without deduction of tax. Under the

#### Stock", so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1977. The balance of the purchase money is to be paid on or before Friday, 25th March, 1977.

2, London Wall Buildings, London Wall, London, EC2P 2BU marked "Tender for Lee Valley Water Company

**GENERAL INFORMATION** The Company now supplies water in an area of approximately 860 square miles in parts of the counties of Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire and parts of the London boroughs of Barnet, Enfield

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# American ambitions at

Chartered's \$130m bid assets of BanCal Triporation took the mar portation to the mar-urprise yesterday, and ider. Here we have an ished, far-flung British h a god profits record markably high return employed, prepared to e equivalent of one-is capitalization on the of an old-established bank with a dismal et income has dropped com \$8.22m in 1971 to

return on capital Yet Standard (s shares closed 10p at night, at 320p. How

ot dificult to follow —and the market's— Standard Chartered strong representation ber of areas-notably here margins have lly been high and e is becoming more So it has been part ate strategy for some w to build up a presence in the hemisphere.

the drive into Europe, e, too, this attempt to most of the opporsented by a sleepy but I California bank. quisition would fit in ter for Standard's existing, if small,

ntial presence on the of the Pacific basin. Standard Chartered he consents on which dependent—and signs were that the BanCal the stick—it will still years before this i is pulling its weight: any form of dollar is likely to dilute from North America. ul bid could push the erican contribution to to some 15 per cent ree years: but it's

s from Associated ig setting out its Serck are expected at now while rumours counter bidders conloat around. But as ely wishes to remain it any approach by a would presumably

ad talks with Rock-national, before the magement moved in, MI looks the fronttime. The problem h is that a combined group would have half the radiator reet. Something which oly authorities would to show interest neless, IMI could well sympathetic suitor nd there are obvious contact. On the cur-

-AE paper worth Serck share— is well placed to reindependence and able to count on the of its small share he have 47 per cent

line of defence will ividend increase—a your would be nearly ered and give a yield of 84 per cent rent price of 87 p. ients over industrial cut both ways. ld gain Serck's carek would gain the f a larger organiza-Serck's replacement business would fit

, Edmunds Walker, ad's growing heat business would com-serck's. Serck sees

Being closer to the capital goods cycle than AE, Serck has most of the benefits of its recent reorganization to come. A new management that has

bought a company making in-dustrial valves and heat ex-changers through the recession with increasing profits has a strong argument for remaining independent.

### Behind the bid talk

FMC jumped another 9p to 84p yesterday amid a further flurry of rumours of an imminent bid from fellow traders Thomas Borthwick with other candidates such as J. Bibby still being mentioned as long-shots. Yet in the cold light of

reality the arguments militating against a bid are much more cogent than those for one. Most important is the fact that the NFU is sitting tight on its 42.9 per cent stake which, considering the lengths it went to secure this and the fact that it wants to retain this more as a marketing strategem than for its purely investment merits. So without the NFU's agreement the chances of any potential bidder getting its claws on FMC are pretty remote.

Borthwick, too, could run slap into monopolies problems if it were to bid, since the combined group would then have approaching half the domestic meat business, though in the past that has not always proved

So what lies behind all the attention for a group that is admittedly recovering well from past traumas but is still a long way from being the still a long way from the still a long w a long way from being a glittering prize despite asset backing of perhaps a half more than the current share price.

The answer, I fear, is likely to be a good deal more prosaic than the market is anticipating and appears to revolve around further FMC buying by the NFU which in the narrow market for FMC has had a disproportionate effect on the price and has led to all sorts Over the last few months the

NFU has picked up a further 2 per cent of the FMC equity which suggests that a la for White, Child & Beney it may simply be biding its true until it gets control. Even if the NFU decides to return to the fray with its representatives now in the driving seat at FMC the timing and terms are likely to be at its choosing which points to some charred lingers soon.

### China Clavs Coming out

of its shell Yesterday's £13.4m equity fund-ing by English China Clays is the first sizable rights issue snce Chloride's last December.

Although Barclays may or may not confuse the matter today, the rights market is likely to remain fairly quitscent.

For one thing Schroder Wagg apparently had little trouble slotting EEC in but more fundamentally most schools. damentally most companies who could reasonably be expected to have rebuilt their equity

bases have done so already and

judging by the recent bank lending figures corporate borrowing is at a low ebb.

For ECC the rights issue along with a setmingly more adventurous approach to acquisiimpressed with the 431 per cent dividend increase to 5.4p a share gross where the excights yilld is a more respectable 6.6

er cent.

Despite being finely pitched -at 62p it is a discount of only a sixth on the overnght pricethere was little trouble in un-derwriting the issue. Mean-while, with ECC's low gearing there is clearly no pressing balance sheet need for more cash though the debt to equity ratio has risen perceptibly over the last five years and the small surplus on bank borrowings has now turned into a small net deficit and working capital re-quirements, up £6m net last year, will rise in line with turn-

ECC is also budgeting for fairly large increase in capital spending with authorizations up from £11m to £18.2m last September, most of which is carmarked for clay expansion at home and overseas. For the present, however, it is taking advantage of the depressed outlook for quarries by a cosy agreed £41m bid for Boddy Industries, a Sheffield-based private group with quarry, waste disposal and fuel distribution interests with profits of almost £1m last year.

Though quarrying and build-ing is likely to remain in the dumps for the next couple of years continued growth in clay demand on the back of the recovery in the paper cycle should take ECC's pre-tax profits to £30m this year where the prospective ple racio of 8 is not expensive for a company of this quality.

as well? The stock market seems unwilling to abandon its hope that there will be changes, or even the abandonment of dividend controls before the year is out. And this hope made it particularly receptive yesterday to tentative comments on the subject by stockbrokers Phillips &

Drew.
They feel that they may have kite flying woven into the otherwise uninspiring fabric of the Price Commission's consultative document on the new prices

policy from July.

Taken at face value the document's talk of "all prices and all enterprises" coming within the scope of the new policy can, with a little imagination, be taken to encompass dividends as well as insurance premiums and

There is an appealing and persuasive case to be made for incorporating dividend regula-tion into a general pricing policy, making dividends subject investigation rather than formal controls. Such a move would accord with the Treasury's known lack of enthusiasm for the present system and with the Government's move towards a gradual relaxation of the pay and prices policy generally. Such a system would also overcome the type of sophisticated distribution schemes which have so irritated the unions at GEC. However, if dividend controls

were to be drawn into a general prices package in this form they would lose much of their value as a political bargaining counter in the pay code As a clearly defined restric-tion on shareholders' income

they have an appeal in Govern-ment-union bargaining quite out impact since the unions still appear unwilling to accept publicly that the controls do not tions, evidenced by news of a licly that the controls do not couple of small takeovers have the simplistic effect of yesterday, suggests that it may be starting to come out of its shell. That is all some way in Treasury's kite can come to

## East Germany: political pressures add to the economic stress

figures recently released on the fulfilment of the 1976 plan the 1975 promise of Herr Horst Sindermann, chairman of the Council of State, that 1976
would see stable and continuous economic development in East Germany seem to have been only partially fulfilled. The official overall indicator of economic growth, the national income growth rate, increased by only 3.7 per cent as against a planned 5.3 per cent. This represents the lowest yearly growth since 1963 growth since 1963.

The main reason officially given for the low national income growth is the disastrous harvest. This would seem trous harvest. This would seem to be borne out by the figures published: East Germany like the rest of Europe suffered badly from last summer's drought. Consequently there was a decline in yield of 9.8 per cent from the previous year's output, whereas an increase of 1.4 per cent had been expected. expected.

Grain output fell by one million rons to eight million and it is expected that East Germany, already a grain im-porter, will need to import from the Soviet Union which had a record harvest in 1976. Root crops were also badly affected and production was almost a third down compared with 1975. The authorities praised the effort and ingenuity of farmers in maintaining livestock levels by finding alternative supplies of food, such as pelletized straw.

The industrial results were more encouraging. The main indicator of industrial growth, the industrial production growth rate, was up 5.9 per cent over 1975, only 0.1 per cent down on the planned increase. The centrally planned industries, regarded as the key to East Germany's economic development and consisting of the main sectors of manufacturing industry, followed the same pattern, having an in-crease of 6.6 per cent where the planned increase was 6.7 per

estimates for growth in 1976 were conservative, reflecting their expectation of a glowing down of the overall growth rate in the mid 1970's and that the industrial growth figures published just fall short of actimated targets.

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However, in the report on the results of the 1976 plan, references to "difficulties in foreign trade" appear to reinforce the view of western commentators that the East German economy is struggling against more wide ranging economic difficulties and that the agricultural harvest is not entirely to blame for last year's low national income

growth rate.

Since 1973, the East Germans have been hit by a succession of price increases for raw material imports from the Soviet Union, its most important trading partner with which it conducts over a third of its trade, exchanging mainly finished and semi-finished industrial products for raw materials and petroleum on which the East German

which the East German economy depends. Last year the Soviet Union increased its raw material prices by 43 per cent As a result East Germany's terms of trade have deteriorated. Similarly, East Germany was in-directly hir by the effects of inflation in the West and by the world recession, in that it was at the receiving end of increasing prices for imports and stiffer terms of credit.

Its deficit with the Wash

stands at about \$5,000m. In this context, the increase of 14 per cent in toreign trade for last year, compared with a planned increase of 9.7 per cent, must be seen as East Germany's attempt to overcome its worsening terms of trade through increased exports, mainly to the Soviet Union To some extent the East German authorities have been tak-

ing measures to try to counteract these problems. Last May, Herr Sindermann launched a five-year economy ent. drive to wipe out waste and It must be borne in mind increase efficiency of produc-

tion and productivity. He urged East Germans to cut in-dustrial costs and energy con-

In the 1976 plan, increases in labour productivity and im-provements in industrial effi-ciency have been heavily emphasized. The results of the 1976 plan show that East Germany managed to save 3 per cent on energy and materials and that labour productivity increased by 6 per cent. Long-term investment :0 im-

Long-term investment :0 improve, modernize and restructure the industrial base of the economy increased by 6.8 per cent over 1975. However, bottlenecks in industrial production and industrial dislocation caused by imperfections in centralized planning still continue to cause problems.

Officially the East German authorities see the economic results of 1976 as "very positive", considering the effects of foreign trade on the economy. But perhaps the clearest indication of how they see their economic perfor-

see their economic performance is in the discussions and texts leading up to the ratification of the 1977 plan and the five-year plan to 1980. The slogan adopted for 1977. every hour of the working day and every gramme of mate-rial!" is not calculated simply to coincide with the sixtleth anniversary of the Russian Re-

The East German Govern pressures. On the one hand, in order to avert growing social and political discontent with the regime, it is compelled regime, it is compelled raise productivity so as mable to increase the supply of consumer goods.
On the other hand, mindful

of the Polish disturbances in June, 1976, it is fearful of passing on the increased costs of raw materials and imports increased prices. The next wo years will show whether he East German Government able to resolve these prob-ms while avoiding serious

have risen by some 50 per cent

it is expected that the growth

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to \$1,440m.

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Few informed

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## Everybody has won -all must have prizes

as an instant classic Fred Hirsch's new analysis\* of the inherent defects of the market economy as an instrument of human amelioration.

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It is not an easy book; but this is because Professor Hirach this is because Professor Hirach prefers to write at a fairly high level of schematic abstraction. But from now on no-one who wishes to enter the lists seriously on behalf of either consumer sovereignty in the market or collective intervention in market processes will be able to do so without taking Professor Hirsch's thesis into account. For, he has proposed an extremely awhirious theory. en extremely ambitions theor-erical framework within which he attempts to reconcile the intuitive insights of modern socialists like C. A. R. Crosland and J. K. Galbraith with the powerful analytical apparatus wielded by neo-classical economists.

Specifically, he argues that the manifest failure of even those liberal economies which have achieved steady and rapid economic growth to achieve a matching gain in the sum of individual satisfactions arises for particular reasons of mar-ket failure. It is not just because of some vague divergence of material and spiritual values or because of any potent conspiracy against the social good

by vested interests.

Crudely oversimplified the market failure in question is caused by "social scarcity".

Social scarcity is a general description of such facts as that capital one man can be Precident. only one man can be President of the United States at a time, that only a limited number of people can have cottages on the Welsh mountains situated so that no other cattages mat their views and that if everyone keeps up with the Joneses the Jones cannot also keep ahead.

growth proceeds, the relative importance to consumers of these "goods", of which the supply is fixed or very slow to increase, progressively rises in relation to material goods which can be mass-produced. This causes their relative price to rise and rise, and so increases the real disposable income required to command a given amount of them.

amount of them.

Thus—and this is one of Professor Hirsch's most important propositions—people have had to run harder and harder to achieve a relative, or "positional", edge in income in order to be able to command the same absolute satisfaction. The golden beach to oneself and one's beach to oneself and one's family which could be had 30 years ago for the cost of a train ride to Cornwall has subsequently had to be sought farther and farther afield—on the There are only 12 commercial banks in the kingdom with a combination of 79 branches between them. Sama says that French Riviera, then on the Costa Brava, then in the Belearic Islands, then in Morocco and Tunisia, then in Sierra Leone

in population and economic activity in urban centres and rural areas will substantially increase the demand for bank ing facilities and necessitate the opening of additional Pasterlin, have noticed but previously secluded spots.

never explained, namely the Secondly, there must be a in its third year and much more work remaining to be done it looks as though the feverish spending spree in the discrepancy between private affluence and public squalor and the great' importance attached by people to relative incomé.

insensitivity and advertising power of huge corporations or however, expect the Saudis to spend anywhere near as much the preoccupation of people with their relative status. Even spend anywhere near as much as the magic figure \$142,000m given in the plan, which the more mathematically minded reckon it is impossible for the kingdom to spend by a factor of two or three. There is no doubt, though, that a very high and the importained level of in a world of wholly unenvious consumers, exclusively concerned with their own absolute satisfactions, and of wholly responsive corporations, dancing instantly to the tune of consumer some significant in the market and unrestrained level of spending can be expected to sumer sovereignty in the market place, these distortions would still arise, for an important part of people's absolute satiscontinue at least until the end of the plan.

factions depends on socially scarce "goods" which can be had only by outbidding others whose incomes are also rising. In the increasingly hectic scramble to satisfy such demands—the "commercialization" of previously free public goods—the supply of what is socially scarce is actually reduced because of market pressures. Caravans and jerry-built bungalows disfigure the unimpeded view which could previously be had for the price of a farm cottage.

On these foundations Professor Hirsch seeks to build the first technically respectable rehabilitation of collectivist economic and social philosophy for 20 years. But his specific

for 20 years. But his specific policy conclusions are extremely cautious and tentative.
Essentially, his view is that things will come right only when people as consumers come spontaneously to attach less importance to individual satis-

factions and to pay more regard to the social fall-out (the "externalities" as economists call them) of the pursuit of

Peter Jay **Economics Editor** 

private " positional " advantage. Professor Hirsch, however, is absolutely opposed to any form of brainwashing to accomplish this change. He is also acutely conscious of the heavy costs inefficiency, abuse and uption—of relying on corruption-of governments to correct the failures of the individually oriented market to satisfy individuals goals.

and that if everyone He imagines an inversion of the point of the role of Adam Smit's cannot also keep ahead. "hidden hand", whereby the proceeds, the relative was supposed to lead to the tance to consumers of general mood instead the incident. general good. Instead, the indi-vidual pursuit of the social good would lead to greater private

But he is only able to suggest rather modest steps—such as.
"lowering the stakes" in the scramble for positional advantage—towards this goal.

On the face of it—and so brief a summary does little justice to the subtlety of Professor Hirsch's argument—the more application to the United States, . West Germany and Japan than to Britain. Indeed, he himself implies that Britain's disinclination to embark on this distorted rat race may be a cause of its failure to achieve more rapid conventional economic growth.

Argument on Professor Hirsch's thesis is likely first to concentrate on the lack of any quantitative dimension in his exposition. It really is important to know whether the problem is anything like as and now in the Seychelles.

This, according to Professor
Hirsch, explains what many social philosophers, like Galbraith, and economists like Iames Duesenberry and Richard but braith, and economists like Iames Duesenberry and Richard but but by the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing their faces in the second of the little at having the vulgar showing the vulg

real doubt whether it is right to analyse as a "market failure" the fact of life that land, power, ttached by people to relative privacy and many other goods. The problem is not just the asensitivity and advertising ower of huge corporations or exploding. The life of a Polyne preoccupation of people with their relative status. Even once have been nicer than the life now in Manhattan of a senior vice-president in a bank but then there was only a hundredth, perhaps a thousandth, of the number of people.

\*Social Limits to Growth, by Fred Hirsch; Routledge and Kegan Paul, £5.50.

#### Spending \$142,000m is not so easy supply for the period under review is, according to Sama, According to Dr Farouk Akh-Bob Crew discusses 62.6 per cent and currency outside the banks is estimated to

Arabian planning minister, Hisham Nazzer, the essence of the country's five-year develop-ment plan " has been misunderstood inside and outside the kingdom".

"One hears, for example, that stress is on industriblization and diversification, to move away from exclusive dependence on oil. These are important points, but only 12 per cent of the plan is allocated to industrialization", said Dr Akhdar, who like the planning minister is a University of California.

However, 12 per cent of \$142,000m is a lot of money to spend on the industrialization of a nation of not more than six million people and Saudi Arabia is indeed reported to be spending more than it earns, with the gap filled in by the Kingdom's monumental foreign reserves, estimated to be in excess of \$21,000m and second only in the world to West Germany's.

There is no doubt that, despite rather obvious impedi-ments to its five-year plan such as a serious shortage of skilled (foreign) labour, port congestion, bottlenecks in the economy, lack of infrastructure and services, Saudi Arabia is still spending as much as its

economy can absorb. There is evidence, also, of additional spending by the commercial banks. The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) reported this month that bank lending to the industrial, manufacturing and processing Saudi Arabia's five-year

development plan sectors has risen during the

period under review—1974-75—by 244.9 per cent, which is more than double the 118 per cent increase of the previous acts as the central banking

agency for the kingdom, the sector which had the lion's share of the commercial banks' credit was, predictably, the building and construction in-dustry, with an increase of 129 per cent in the credit extended to it, as against a much more modest increase of 71 per cent the year before.
Other significant increases in

Other significant increases in lending were to agriculture and fishing (74.9 per cent), transport and communications (70.8 per cent), electricity, water and associated utilities (67.7 per cent), mining and quarrying (66.1 per cent) and commerce (56.1 per cent). A grand total of \$1,080m of credit has provided the life blood for the key sectors of the kingdom's development plan. At the same time, there has been a dramatic increase in bank savings—an increase.

in bank savings—an increase in deposits of 68.5 per cent indicates a greater public confidence and trust in placing funds with the banks.

The growth of the money

## Gillett Brothers Discount Company Limited

Preliminary Results

The directors of Gillett Brothers Discount Co. Ltd. announce the results (subject to audit) for the year ended 31st

1976 Group profit for the year after tax and transfer to contingencies 550,461 Dividends paid and proposed 272,113 Retained profit for the year 278,348 Balance brought forward 493,373 215,025 690,505 498,373 250,000 Transfer to general reserve £493,373 £440,505 Balance carried forward

The directors propose a final dividend of 8.125% making a total for the year of 13% equivalent to 20% gross. This is the same as was paid in the previous year.

The following are the main items shown by the balance

Total capital and published reserves 3,578,703 3,381,571 Bills discounted less rebate 140,045,948 158,476,286 Sterling and Dollar Certificates of 10,053,929 8,078,047 Deposit at less than market value Listed investments at less than 12,401,522 market value 21,397,317 1,280,089 1,110,878 Goodwill less amount written off Contingent liability on commercial 45,377,000 32,868,000 bills rediscounted

"The latest movement in interest rates came too late to be fully reflected in the results, but profits now realised have given us a useful start to our new year."

## Business Diary: Roberts the milk? • Acolas accolade

an dairy politics. Sir he fourth and longestairman in the board's told fellow board yesterday that he t accept nomaniation utieth year in office. ilk Marketing Board and Wales is a y farmers' cooperative tory powers to buy all sell it for use in seese and other pro-n pint bottles hree previous changes

an the vice-chairman s succeeded. The cusspected to continue Richard retires on his day in July. The board roose Stephen Roberts nt vice-chairman who year-old Salop dairy the hoard was estab-

1933 Sir Richard was search into artificial ion at Cambridge Uni-Three years later he management of one idest pedigree British perds from his father. owns the herd and s many weekends as on the family farm in

.ts of British agriculseveral national and nal awards under his e told the other 17 embers vesterday that it it was time to stand

ward is entering a new lenging period in its of the Chahe added. In fact, like Pierre Acolas.

ment of Sir Richard as chairman of the lik marketing board in y will change the face an dairy politics. Sir say that the existence of boards with monopoly powers to con-trol marketing production and imports is incompatible with the principles of the common market unless, of course, the monopoly is EEC-operated. Sir Richard's board is leading

the battle for the others. Prospects for the long struggle are good, for preservation of the functions of the board is one of the few issues in farming politics on which the British government and unions representing farmers and farm-

The Fleet's in Pierre Acolas, who is in London today, is the man who will take over next month from

Learning to drive on this side of the Channel: Renault's

Rudolphe Lambert as manag-British subsidiary. Acolas is manager of Regie Renault's projects and diversidepartment, for

fication department, for besides cars the company makes machine tools, bicycles and even boars. He will be responsible for diversification of a sort during his spell here, but only in matters to do with Renault is moving into the British fleet/leasing market which car importers have left companies either manufactur-ing or assembling in this

Secondly, Renault is now active in car hire purchase and insurance through Renault Loan, in cooperation with North West Securities.

In his four and a half years in Britain Acolas's predecessor replaced the two-tier distributor and dealer system with a single-tier dealer network and broke up the subsidiary into three largely autonomous

Lambert leaves with Datsun pushing past Renault as the importer claiming the highest unit sale in Britain, although the French say that an average taken over Lambert's stay would still show Renault

His reward is to return to Paris and responsibility for the United States, Canadian and Mexican subsidiaries. Acolas, on the other hand, is being given an early opportunity to make a splash. No sooner does he take over than the company launches a new model—the 1,200 cc, five-door

With 34,951 people out of work on Tyneside—8.3 per cent of the working population (national average 6 per cent)—it is perhaps hardly surprising that 1,200 people applied for 180 johs as sales assistants and office workers at a new Market office workers at a new Market Street, Newcastle, department store. The Manpower Services Commission said that such was the demand that a team of six personnel officers from Buns, the store concerned were date over 10 days. Last year more than 1,000 people applied for 150 places advertised by the Automobile Association in the city.

High jinks

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators have long regretted that they own no livery hall of their own in the City of London, and are therefore unable to return the hospitality which their officers and members enjoy in the halls of the other

Today, however, they make amends in an appropriate manner when they throw a party in a flying livery hall—a DC10 airliner belonging to guild member Freddie Laker.

With characteristic Laker publicity flair, the aircraft is already painted with an advertisement for Skytrain, the cheap are transatiantic service which he gained permission from the Covernment to operate recently. Among the guests are the masters (and ladies) of the gunmakers, the weavers, the coachmakers and

this morning from Gatwick for Amsterdam, where there will be a formal lunch and visits to the harbour and the diamond Arthuriana

The 350-seater sets course

Whither Sir Arthur Cockfield,

who steps down as chairman of the Price Commission when his present term ends on July 31? Sir Arthur is 60 and not the sort of man to potter about in retirement, not yet at any rate,

More than six months ago he told the then Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, Mrs Shirley Williams, that he would do another year, but it would be his last. A clear-headed if reticent man, he presumably has some idea by now of what he will be doing. He could have said so this week, the could have said so this week, when Mrs Williams's successor, Roy Hartersley, announced his proposals for the tougher, post-July commission, but Sir Arthur may prefer to wait until after Easter, when Hattersley can announce a successor.

period on the proposals will be over, the White Paper establishing the new commission will have been before the House and candidates for the chairmanship will know what they are letting themselves in for.

In the meantime there is speculation that after a spectac-ularly diverse career—barrister, taxman, chairman of Boots and latterly a devil figure to big business—he will now make another surprise switch. Perhaps to advising a big firm or industry association on how to live with price control. Stock markets

## Over 400 again despite Price Code worries

400 mark for the first time since February 4 as shares met with a brisk demand in the first two hours of trading.

By midday, the index had reached its best level of the day with a rise of 5.6, but thereafter the now familiar pattern of a quiet afternoon session asserted itself and by the close the gain had been cut back to 4.4 at

While most saw nothing sinister in this, there was a minority opinion that this late caution was brought about by second thoughts on Tuesday's

institutional shareholders in Lamson Industries have set their face firmly against Moore Corporation's 85p minority terms. Some say they have no choice but to except, but there is likely to be a fight. Lamson

The word is that two or three

shares were unchanged at 80p. prices code statement, which, at first sight, had been received

favourably. This caution, it is suggested, stemmed from dis-like of what is considered to be an "interventionist" attitude towards company profits.

Gilts followed the pattern of equities with a lively early trade and little interest thereafter. By the close, short dates were about one eighth better. 8p to 230p on the monopolies exchanges losses. with "mediums" and "longs" clearance for the Gateway Other rises came from Bat both up by as much as one half. offer. FMC was another Ind 5p to 255p, Glaxo 5p to

main incentive. For the second day rumning,

the spotlight fell on Ultra Electronic where, as expected Racal countered Dowty's terms. Ultra's shares gained 11p to 186p, Racal fell back a penny to 288p, but Dowty gained 3p to 116p.

Some feel that the story may not yet be over and more may join the fray, Thorn "A" up 2p to 244p and EMI, firmer by 6p to 212p, are talked of as the most likely additional con-

MK Electric 4p to 131p. But sector-watchers point out that at 61p. strong family interests would be likely to form a hurdle for potential suitors.

Among the majors on the pitch, Reyrolle at 150p and Rank at 190p, both rose 4p, while United Scientific conwhile United Scientific Continued to benefit from the chairman's bullish remarks and gained another 11p for a close of 173p. This company, too, is not without bid talk.

Foods also had their share of interest with Brooke Bond rising 3½p to 51½p after the sale of Argentine ranching interests and Linfood gaining

The FT Index went over the Cheaper money hopes were the speculatively wanted and ended with a jump of 9p to 84p.

The Leonard Fairclough statement discounting a bid for Norwest Holst left the latter's shares, also hit by boardroom complications, off 4p to 84p. The Fairclough shares rose 2p to 166p. Jackson Steeple were suspended at 28p.

Some analysis think that now beer has gone to the Mono-polies Commission the bad news The Ultra situation continued to spark off a number of other speculative features, among the smaller electricals. The most prominent were Dale, up 90 of 150p. Pethers 150 of the half-speculative features are prominent were bale, up 90 of 150p. Pethers 150p. Pethers 150p. prominent were Dale, up 9p to and go on to make f10m or 150p. Pethow 10p to 148p and more for the year against The shares are steady

> The bid interest spread to the stores sector where both Ely's (Wimbledon) 15p to 65p and Brown Muff 4p to 164p gained more ground, the latter after Fraser's terms. Mothercare was another good spot with a rise of 4p to 388p.

Among the "blue chips". Mong the blue chips", Unilever, with figures next week, led the way ahead with a gain of 12p to 452p, while ICI, with figures today, added 4p to 346p in spite of the feeling there may be higher exchanges losses.

455p and Courtaulds 4p to 109p. Bank gained 10p to 320p on its For the lest named, suggestions United States expansion plans. For the last named, suggestions persisted that the company would like to buy out the minority in its International Paint subsidiary whose shares

jumped another 30p to 435p. In motors, there was interest in BTR 10p to 163p and Clayton Dewandre 3p to 87p, while in the building sector there were strong performance from Johnson-Richards Tiles up 7p to 169p and Taylor Woodrow 5p to 271p.

In oils, the best showings came from Lasmo, up 8p to 320p and Ultramar, which rose another 2p to 158p, making a gain of 10p over the week so far. Explaining this a wag was heard to remark that perhaps investors thought they were buying Utra In fact, a bullish quarter's figure are expected

The recovery of

cent to £21.8m.

The second

in profits to £4.9m.

interest.

Mattney shows no sign of end-

ing. Pre-tax profits in the nine months to December 31 jumped

55 per cent to £14m. Excluding Johnson Matthey

Bankers, sales went up 21 per

The board says that pre-tax

profits were arrived at after deducting £2.3m against £1.49m

for debenture and other

September 30 had a 48 per cent jump in profits to £4.4m making the half year's total £9.14m against £5.79m, Most of

the surge came from mechanical products which include precious

metal fabrications, mainly for industrial use. The board expected the improvement to

be maintained for the full year, and the third quarter in fact

showed a 29 per cent advance

final quarter would hoise pre-tax profits to £22m from £15m

last year and a record £17.1m

A similar growth rate for the

English China Clays were 10p higher at 84p as the prospect of a higher dividend outweighed rights issue news,

Golds were strong as the metal price soared. The best were Anglo American £13.75, Randforntein £23.00 and Harrebeestfontein 19.5, all up 75p. After hours, neither Herbert Morris 148p nor Babcock & Wilcox 79p stirred following the

onopolies findings and the Minister's decision not to intervene further. Equity turnover on February 22 was £68.05m (15.172 bargains).

According to Exchange Tele graph, active stocks vesterday were Shell, ICI, BP, MK Elec-tric, BAT Ffd, English China Clays, Thorn "A", Reed International, Courtaulds, Burmah, Imperial Group, EMI, Cadbury, Brooke Bond, BAT Ind. Ultra, I nthe financial sector, Gillett
Brothers put on 2p to 180p after
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BICC and Trafalgar House.

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## Below-the-line loss at Town & City Props swells to £13.1m A half-year interest c:

Since their arrival at Town

and City Properties in 1973, Mr Jeffrey Sterling and his manage ment team have sold £212m of properties. They have abandoned or brought near to completion a development pro-gramme which, in 1973, was ex-August, the reported loss before group afloat-with the backing £3.4m. No dividends are pro- group accepts will show . of Barclays Bank and the Pru- posed. dential-despite a debt to pet equity ratio last year of over 380 per cent and an annual revenue drain of more than 530m.

end September 1976. Although A half-year interest control period includes the first 19.98m, excluding net benefits from the sale of the group's Europoint scheme in Rotterdam for £25.6m, £25m raised from the sale of Australian properties and a further short-term variable re-

Below the line the total loss. after allowing tax relief on development outgoings of £497,000 against £1.46m in 1975, rose from £11.9m to £13.1m. In However, the scale of the problems still facing T & C is realized capital losses in the reflected in half-year results to

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## Foreign exchange, and New Year boon stop Gillett from tumbling

Br John Whitmore Profits at Gillett Brothers,

the discount house and money broking group, fell appreciably end of January less sharply last year than those of some of its competitors. But the group is still adopting a cautious line on dividends, the

tull payment for the year remaining pegged at 20p a share major reasons Gillett's achievement in holding

the fall in net profits to one of 15 per cent to £469.000 fatter tax and transfers to contin-gencies) are probably twofold. One has been the fact that, year, the group says the unlike Union and Alexanders, trictions on the banking its accounting year runs to the

This has given the group the benefit of the favourable conditions at the start of the New Year and has helped to offset the lean period from last April to October when profitability was under severe pressure as interest rates rose steeply. A second contributory factor has been the good profits that

have been made by the Kirk-land-Whittaker Group Commenting on the current

lead companies to make use of their unused com. bill facilities

But it also says the prohibition of sterling fit for third country in

damaging the group's : The year end balance shows capital and reser from £3.38m to £3.58s holdings down from £1: £140m and listed inve-up from £12.4m to £21.4i

#### **Assoc Fish** looks to a 200-mile fish zone By Ray Maughan

If a Common Fisheries Policy can be agreed, and Britain's biggest white fish fleet, Associated Fisheries, should be on course for further recovery. In his annual report for the

year to September 30, Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman, estimates that: "provided adequate control and policing of the 200 mile economic zone can be achieved, it should be possible to conserve and develop the fish stocks so as to attain a sustainable annual catch of the order of 2.5m tonnes". At the moment, the combined

United Kingdom fleets are landing about 1m tonnes a year but, as Mr Tapscott points out, the Marshalls pay USSR caught 800,000 tonnes within EEC waters in 1975; and £185,000 for with a gross fishing fleet tonnage of 3.2m, the USSR far tools company outweighs the United Kingdom capacity of 231,000 tonnes.

If Britain had a 50 mile exclusive zone, it could double its annual catch, Mr Tapscott AF achieved a notable turn-

round last year and after an interim loss of £837,000 annual pre-tax profits reached £1.9m. The year before losses were to rationalize its production prices and a fleet reduction, the

prices and a fleet reduction, the trawling and engineering division, headed by British United Trawlers, made the running. It recovered from a £278,000 loss to a £1.7m trading surplus. But there is a great deal farther to go to improve the 9½ per cent return on funds employed. The foods processing and distribution division elimi-nated a deficit of £716,000 and replaced it with a £599,000 trading surplus.

Even so, the divisional return on capital of around 3 per cent on capital of around 3 per cent is described as "miserable". The introduction of three BUT trawlers into Australian waters—a continent which apparently has no established white fish fleet—may prove a valuable area of diversification, particularly since domestic trawlers are returning no more trawlers are returning no more than half the anticipated gross on capital investment.

But 1977 looks to be a year of consolidation. Dividend re-covery is restricted to 1.92p a share. But at the "earliest practical opportunity" the board will restore dividends to the earlier peak of 5.43p gross a share where the yield at yesterday's price of 474p—up 1p—is 11.4 per cent.

"No interruption in growth

T. Hampson Silk (Chairman)

record anticipated"...

### **BOC** still seems on way to £85m plus By Nicholas Hirst

BOC International's first proposals. quarter profits disappointed the stock market although there was some confusion over a much higher depreciation

A 30 per cent increase to a pre-tax figure of £16.6m left profits about £1m short of best expections and the shares closed 1p lower at 67p. The depreciation charge rose

from £6.1m to £8.6m partly as a result of an additional charge of £925,000 reflecting a revaluation of assets. This compares with a total additional charge of £2.6m last year. The increased rate of depre-ciation follows a widening of

the revaluation policy, and it now approximates to the charge that would be made under the Morpeth inflation accounting It is not expected to increase

substantially in the later three quarters of the year and analysts have not downgraded their forecasts for a total pretax outcome of between £85m and £90m. and £90m.

was a quarter better at £7.5m Africa up a fifth at £3.5m, the Pacific regions up 26 per cent at £4.7m and the Americas (Airco) 12½ per cent higher at £4.6m.

## few jobless

Marshalls (Halifax) have bought from Tempered Group of Sheffield the capital of Higher Speed Metals and also the freehold land and property on which HSM's factory premises are situated. HSM is based in Sheffield and manufactures a complete range of tungsten carbide hard

metals and tipped tools. The son shareholders.

Marshalls added that HSM both companies.

proposals represent a 35 per cent increase in income to John-

Sketchley says this would arise from its intention to integrate the dry cleaning businesses of

## **Sketchley offer**

its share and cash offer represets a 40.3 per cent increase in the capital value of Johnson's ordinary shares compared to their price on the day before the bid was made.

## Marshalls added that Hom will continue to operate as an independent company within the engineering division of Marshalls. Expansion is planned for HSM and no redundancies

CGA plans to do better

By Tony May
A loss of \$A1m gave way
to a pre-tax profit of \$A3.6m (E2.4m) at Consolidated Gold Fields Australia in the six months to December 31. But the directors say that the result is disappointing and

they find it difficult to forecast the results for the full year. However, the directors expect operating results for the second six months, before extraordinary write-downs or profits, to show an improvement over the present set "provided that the benefits of devaluation are not eroded by cost increases". mies The group, in which Consoliplan.

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cent, managed its turnround on a gross revenue 15 per cent up at \$A111.2m.

the sale of the Goldsworthy iron ore project The Tasmanian copper pro-ducer Mount Lyell continues to cause concern despite de-valuation, "significant econo-

dated Gold Fields has 68 per

The "substantial" profits derived from the group's interests in tin, coal and portfolio investments, were offset by loesses on copper and iron The group has almost finished

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beginning of April of not less than £2.2m compared to £1.96m the year before.

for Johnson-a

In its formal offer to shareholders in Johnson Group dries and Engineering, whose Cleaners, Sketchley claims that record £3.1m in 1975-76, were fabrics, reports more than £56,000. Holliday manufactures

It also claims that its dividend

But Sketchley gives a warning that a small number of redundancies will be made at Johnson if the bid goes through.

Sketchley is forecasting profits for the year to the

Asia provided the largest leap in profits—up 51 per cent before interest at £1.2m. Europe

The directors report that all areas improved profits over the comparable quarter before taking exchange differences into account. Although sterling had strengthened during the

#### Strike impact on Ley's offshoot Shareholders in Ley's Foun-

given a warning at the annual meeting.

Mr F. D. Ley, chairman, said

that trading results of its largest subsidiary, Ley's Malleable Castings, for the second quarter to March 31 would show substantial decline " because of the prolonged strike at the Coventry factory of Massey-Ferguson, its major customer. Other industrial disputes at

customers in the motor industry are now forcing the Derby and Lincoln foundries to go on four-day week. On the brighter side, much progress has been made in

#### getting the business of Beeston Boilers restarted. This was bought a month ago. Tozer Kernsley links

with Sumitomo

Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn (Holdings), the international finance and investment group, is to set up a joint venture company with Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha, one of the largest Japanese trading houses, to develop exports to Japan from the European Economic Community. Japan is thinking about increasing its imports from the Community following The Hague meeting last year when the EEC insisted that the trade imbalance should be put right. The new company—to be reasing its imports from the The new company—to be called Sumitozer—is investigating the possibilities of selling United Kingdom and French automotive components and accessories to Japanese motor

#### Lee Valley tender should go well

Lee Valley Water Company's £2m tender issue of 9 per cent redeemable preference stock 1982 follows a similar E3m issue by Mid-Kent Water Company last month. It received record applications at a time when the gilt edeged market was surging ahead strongly.
Mid-Kent's issue attracted an

average price of 994 and is now trading about a point higher than that. So, despite the more stable climate in the gilt market, tenders for the Lee Valley issue will almost certainly have to be above the minimum tender price of £99 to secure stock and possibly even over the 100 mark. Brokers are Seymour Pierce.

#### Est Property delay

Because it ran out of time. the outgoing Commission of the EEC could not provide before the end of 1976 the promised written confirmation of the leasing arrangements for the Brussels site of Estates Property Investment But the board says that there

is no reason whatever to sup-

pose that this is any more than a brief postponement Gross rents in the six months to October 31 went up from £877,000 to £983,000, and net

#### property income was £803,000 £57,000. The annual report of against £723,000. The surplus Mr W. J. Beggs, acting chairavailable for distribution was man, said that there had been 581,000 compared with 552,000, a general recovery since the and the interim dividend is end of 1975 and the group was 0.77p against 1.33p gross.

Hanson Trust moves

deeper into farming

Johnson Matthey bounds 44pc

British Agricultural Services, Third time lucky at the United Kingdom agripro-ducts subsidiary of Hanson Trust, is making, through N. M. Rothschild & Sons, offers for Hamlyn & Company and Hamlyn & Company (Transport). The price is £872,000 cash. The offers, recommended by the directors of Hamlyn, have been irrevocably accepted by the holders of 82 per cent of the

Hamlyn, a privately owned business established in 1859, is a provender miller and agricultural merchant operating in Scotland and Cheshire.

#### Recovery continuing at Textured Jersey

doubled half-time figures. Ona turnover up from £3.1m to £3.9m in the six months to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £82,000, from £31,000, but they included a profit of £21,000 on the sale of fixed assets,

against nil.
The board is worried by the rises in raw material and other costs, and will think about dividends when the full year's figures are in. The last divi-dend-was for 1972-73.

#### Bolton Textile ahead

Profits before tax of Bolton Textile Mill rose from £152,000 to £155,000 in the first half year to October 31 and Mr I. Goletka, chairman, forecasts that the 12-month's results will show "a substantial improve-ment" over the £31,000 made last time. Turnover of this that the 12-months' results will London-based textiles and women's clothing group grew from £4.2m to £5.5m in the first six months.

#### Daejan Holdings

Rental income (less property outgoings) of Daejan Holdings rose from £2.27m to £2.37m in the six months to September 30. Property sales brought in £880,000. Pre-tax profits went up from £559,000 to £690,000. The full year's pre-tax profits are expected to be about the same as those the year before, which were £1.06m.

The board explains that a

number of properties owned by investment subsidiaries are being realised since it is "no longer economic to retain them. In view of the increas-ing frequency of these sales, Daejan has been advised that the surpluses from them should be credited to profit and loss account, so increasing profits available for distribution. Comparative figures have been

Daejan is the quoted property offshoot of the Freshwater family residential property empire

#### Fairclough denial Leonard Fairclough has em-

phatically denied that there is any truth whatever" in press suggestions of any contact, share dealings, or other conversations with Norwest Holst and says that it has no interest in that Company. Fairclough have never held

and have not bought any shares in Norwest Holst.

Both Norwest, where Mr Dennis Le Mare has ceased to be chairman, and Fairclough are builders and civil engineers.

#### Jackson & Steeple Blackburn-based cotton

weaver, Jackson and Steeple has had its shares tem-porarily suspended, pending an announcement. They were 28p before the suspension.
In 1975 the group turned a profit of £40,000 into a loss of

operating profitably, with strong order books. Northern Counties Securities has 13.74 per cent of

### Record profits for the third year running are reported by Westwood Dawes, a Stour-bridge-based group of struc-tural and mechanical handling

Westwood Dawes

engineers.
In 1976 turnover rose from £1.48m to £1.77m, taking pre-tax profits from £132,000 to a peak £189,000. Earnings a share jumped from an adjusted 4.77p to 7.06p. and the gross dividend rises from 4.44p, allowing for a scrip issue, to 4.61p.

#### L. B. Holliday

After nasty setback. L. B. Holliday (Holdings) partly re-But it is not making much and there is again no interim dividend. On the bright side, there was a return to profits in 1975-76 after two years of losses and now the control of the side of the control of the dividend on the control of the control covered in the year to June 26, 1976. Turnover rose from

> aniline dye. **Bumper Berisford**

All the signs are that international food group S. & W. Berisford is set for another bumper year to end-September, 1977, after jumping 45 per cent to £13.6m. Mr Norman Castle, chairman, told the annual meeting that trading in the opening four months of the present term shows a "considerable"

improvement This came from an all-round improvement in the performance of its trading companies together with the contributions from newcomers bought in the second-half of last year. The effect of volume reduction in sales brought about by high prices has been reduced by the groups greater penetration in most areas of trading.

#### **Business appointments** Sir Monty joins International Combustion

Sir Monty Finniston, formerly chairman of the British Steel Corporation, has joined the board of International Combustion (Hold-ings) with a view to succeeding Mr J. A. C. Talbot as chairman after the next annual general meeting.

Mr Alex Dibbs will become a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank from March 1. Westminster Bank trom transcriber executive.



Sir Monty Finniston (left) who has joined the board International Combustion (Holdings); Mr Alex Dibbs, who becomes a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank from March 1.

Mr I. G. Kennington has been elected chairman and Mr G. G. Williams deputy chairman of the Issuing Houses Association. The following executive committee was elected: Mr R. A. Brooks, Mr E. H. Buckley, Mr D. J. Ewart, Mr J. R. Gillum, Mr D. O. Horne, Mr Kengington, Mr T. G. Monnes. Mr Kennington, Mr T. J. Manuers, Mr J. M. F. Padovan, Mr G. R. Walsh and Mr Williams.
M Pierre Acolas has been made managing director of Renault in succession to M Rudolphe Lambert who moves hack to Paris

bert, who moves back to Paris to be responsible for Renault's Northern American subsidiaries. Mr Ellsworth Donnell becomes sole managing director of Western American Bank (Europe). Mr George E. Rothell has resigned as managing director to become executive vice-president of United California Bank. Los Angeles.

Mr Michael Laming has been elected to the board of the NCK Organization.

UTAH AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Feb 23.—Utah Mining Australia (UMAL) chairman har C. H. Rennie told annual meeting that the 1977 year has not started as buoyantly as hoped. However net income should be substantially higher provided Umal's proposed four per cent al Associates in Central Queensland Coal Associates ioint venture is not Associates joint venture is not delayed too long.

COPE SPORTSWEAR

The Export Credits Guarantee Dept has guaranteed a fim line of credit which Midland Bank has made available to Bance Hispano Americano, Spain. The loan will enable Spanish manufacturers to

HOLLAS-BONAS WEBB
Hollas Group's offer for Bonds
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## BARING BROTHERS

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available for distribution to EGM to be held March approve voluntary winding BROADSTONE INVESTME:

ARCOLECTIC (HOLDINGS) Pre-tax profit for year to ber 31 up from £112.0 £199,000. Gross payment

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CREST NICHOLSON Chaleman states in annual r that target for the year, set time ago, is for an increa: profits. Early trading indic.

### Inter-City purchase

The Inter-City Invest Group has bought Sha-Ron rics, a private maker of do knit jersey fabrics, for 82 ordinary shares. Net rangible assets of

Ron at November 31 £110,000 and pre-tax pr £19,000. Inter-City's A Knitwear subsidiary air makes double knit jersey, Sha-Ron will merge its pro-tion with that of Albion. duction will then increase some 40 per cent with resu

## CHALLENGE CORPORATION LIMITED

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Group turnover rose from \$NZ250.6m to \$NZ367.0m, a increase of 46.5%, whilst net profit after tax but excludin in: capital profits on disposals of surplus assets (as shown above increased by 68.7%. This improvement was mainly attributable to buoyant trading conditions in the rural servicing companies in particular Wrightson NMA. Group exports rose by 95%, and continuing efforts are being made to achieve the export target; stated in the 1976 Annual Report.

Although expenses were higher their rate of increase wa significantly less than the rate of increase in sales. This reflected determined efforts to lessen the impact of inflation by the continuing reorganisation and rationalisation programmet within all sectors of the business. It cannot however be expected that expense savings can be continued at this leve and the full impact of many cost increases are now being reflected in the results. The Board anticipates that in the immediate future increased expenses will be the most significant factor affecting profits.

It was stated in the last Annual Report that the immediate in objective was an increase of 12% in profits. As a result of the experience of the first half of the financial year the Board now expects that this increase will exceed 20%.

An interim ordinary dividend of 5% (unchanged) is payable to 18; on 23rd March, 1977 to shareholders registered on 1st March, 18; 1977. This dividend will be derived from realised capital profits of the control of th

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## Briefly

Jorehaut Holdings has bought a further 10,000 ord in Unochrome International, bringing holding to 3.59m shares.

Board reports that for technical reasons it is unable to hold the company's EGM on March 11, to increase borrowing powers. Meeting now convened for March 18. CREDIT FOR SPAIN-

place orders for UK capital plant.

until March 7.

LINFOOD-GATEWAY

Proposed merger between Lin(£27,000). Protus revenue, E(£27,000). Gross dividend
from 0.61p to 0.37p. until March 7. LINFOOD-GATEWAY

SCOTTISH AMERICAN Board of Scottish American In-vestment to increase terms of proposed repayment of pref. Revised terms: for every £1 of 4 per cent (now 2.8 per cent, plus tax credit), 40p cash; for every 10 per cent (now 7 per cent, plus tax credit), 100p cash.

W. J. PYKE (HOLDINGS)
Turnover for year to June 30, 1976, up from £4.48m to £5.06m.

After provisions for taxation and for any diminution in the and for any diminution in the value of assets, and transfers to reserves, profits of merchant bankers (Baring Brothers dipped-

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months and ended 31st December 1976, and the comparable figures for the same period of the previous year, are as follows:

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Interim Dividends

and is free of tax in the hands of shareholders resident in New! Warrants will be posted to 51% and 6% Preference Share- the holders on 28th February, 1977. These warrants will cover dividends for eight months together with repayments of capital as approved at Special Class Meetings held late last year.

FLEDGELING Fledgeling Investments' for year to Jan 21 up £223,000 to £257,000. Di 2.54p gross (2.31p). COLMORE INVESTMENTS ... Profit for nine months 31 last, £72,000 (£64,000) JOREHAUT-UNOCHROME SALVADOR RAILWAY OF Co has almost paid offper cent priof liest deligned
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orporation has anit net earnings for quarter ended were \$3.7m (about ared with \$2m—an 84 per cent. and other revenues current quarter 569.9m—a 15 per e over the \$60.8m

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Renewed buying enthusiasm developed for all base metals and sliver in morning deatings on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Tin established new highs of £6,127.50 for standard cash, £85 ap on Tuesday's close, and £6,272.50, a rise of £80, for three months. The rises followed an American statement that a review of tin stockpile policy would take "a matter of months to complete". At the afternoon close the rise on standard cash was £92.50 and three months had gained £91.

In lead, new highs were established of £413.25 for cash and £423.75 for three months. At the afternoon close cash had risen £12.50 on the day and three months had gone £13.50 ahead.

Copper was £10 higher for cash wire bars and £10.25 for three months in a market given impetus by tin. The afternoon close increases were £12.75 for both cash and three months in morning dealings, closed £3.75 up for cash and £4.50 for three months.

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silver was also aided by gold-and gained between 2.50p and 2.90p in the morning. At the after-noon close there were increases of between 2.40p and 2.70p on the day. Buillon market (fixing Spot. 269.05p 2 170y omnes Siates cents controllent, three months, 227, 85p; 16x months, 286, 50p; 16x year, 304, 70p (187, 7c). i fix munamy (187.15), one year, 304.70p (187.15), Metal Exchange,—Afternoon, 269.469.69; three mombs, 8.5p; seven months, 290.91p, 38 lots of 10.000 troy ounces Murning,—Cash, 269.5-9.7p; months, 278.6-8.7p; seven to the control of the control o

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index on European share prices was put provisionally at 119.65 on February 22 against 121.35 a week earlier.

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The pound's effective rate was unchanged on the day, at 43.3 per cent.
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Gold rose \$1.75 an close at \$139.625. **Spot Position** of Sterling

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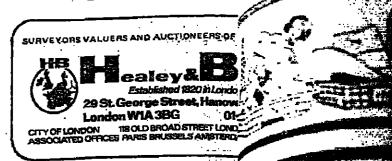
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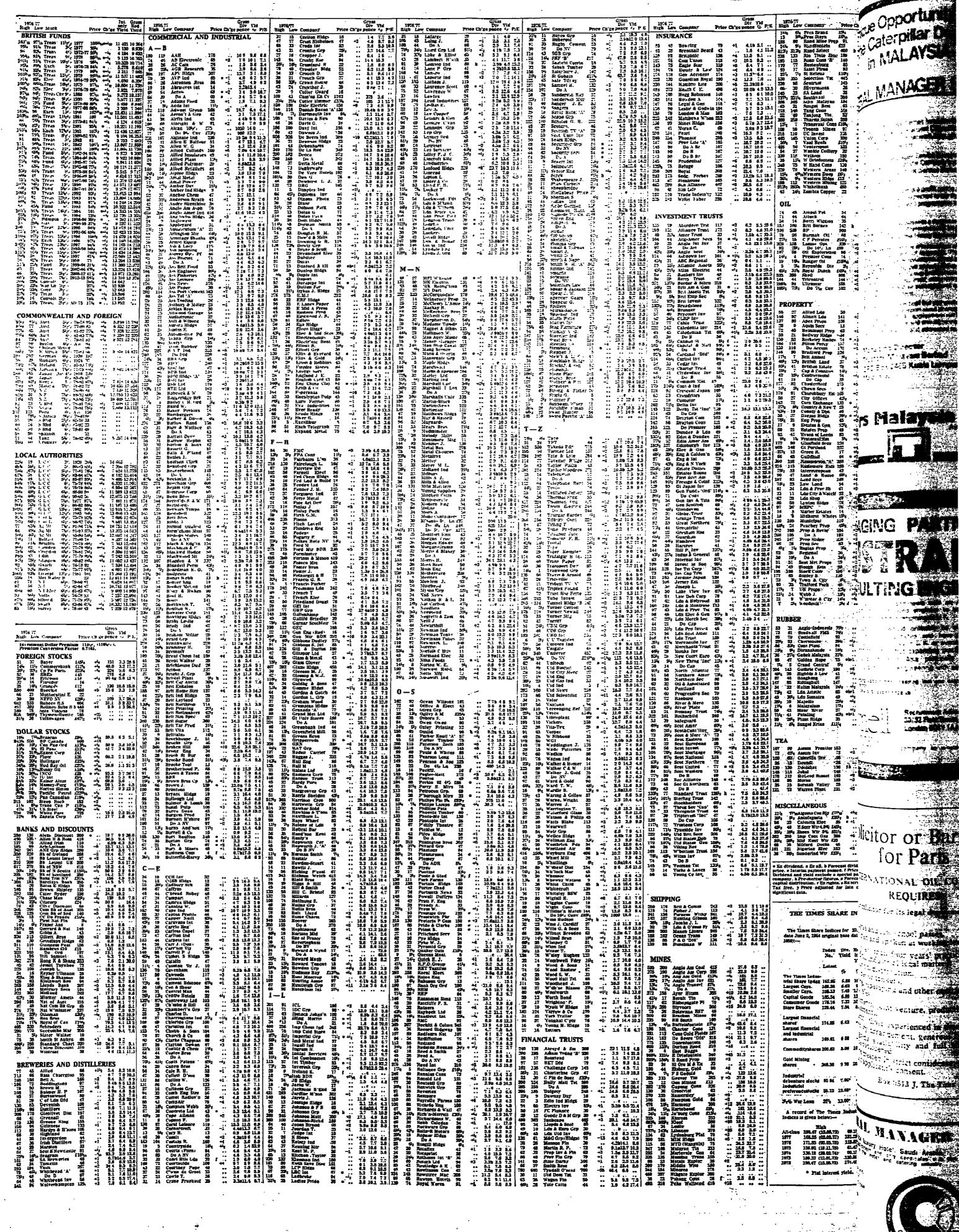
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Stock Exchange Prices

## Firm mining sector

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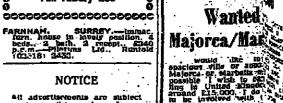
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Load carrier Japanese-style-the Datsun 260C Estate

The gearbox is delightfully slick, the lings, the chief engineer, says. Why rakes powerful and the steering combrakes powerful and the steering com-bines lightness with accuracy and feel. With the old-fashioned leaf-spring rear With the old-fashioned leaf-spring rear suspension it is perhaps no surprise that neither handling nor ride is of the highest order, though an estate cur is not usually judged by its cornering ability and the ride gets noticeably smoother as the load increases.

For £4,199 the 260C estate offers as standard items cloth seat trim and full carpeting, tinted glass, a clock and

carpeting, tinted glass, a clock and pushbutton radio with electric aerial. The heated rear window, missing from the mark one car, is standard as well

and autometically switches off after 15 minutes to save the battery.

The nearest big estates in character, size and price are the Granada and the Toyota Crown. The Ford, with a litre engine, is 122 cheaper and the Toyota costs 1200 less. The Peugent 504 can also undercut the Datsun by about \$200 and offers better refinement and ride comfort as well as seven scats. Like the Datsun, it is not particularly nuck; after all, the engine is a more 1.971cc. But overall I rate

it very highly.

The Citroen CX Safari 2400 comes in at 14,870 and is a typically advanced from the design with a superb ride from the hydropneumatic suspension. Both the French cars are available with diesel engines. The Volvos are the most expensive: 55,001 for the four-cylinder 245 and £6.825 for the V6 265. They are also probably the most ducable, and their robust construction has carned them the not unflattering title of Sweden's family fortress.

#### Cautious Rolls

The discreet charm of the Rolls-Royce is enhanced this week with the announcement of the Silver Shadow mark two, though the layman may well wonder why it has taken so long to come up with the sort of improvements that on more modest cars have long been regarded as commonplace,

The first Silver Shadow appeared that its lo in October, 1965, since when there get it by, have been no fewer than three new Cortinas. The changes, after 111 years, are hardly revolutionary. Few cars these days are without rack-and-pinion steering or even wrap-around bumpers and an air dam. Indeed, the cynic might say that they just about bring the Shadow into the 1970s.

Rolls-Royce is by no means the first car manufacturers to play around with the carburettors and other parts of the engine to improve fuel consumption or to stiffen its front suspensio to reduce body roll and tyre wear. We must, of course, grant that not every car has an air-conditioning system that can be preset to produce at the same time warm feet and a cool head.

But to criticize Rolls-Royce for its caution is to miss an essential point. It is not a company that must be constantly looking over its shoulder to see what competitors are doing and try to do better. Some would say it has no competitors.

Rather, the philosophy is a conservative one: to retain the best of the past. The most formidable asset Rollspast. The most formidable asset Rolls-Royce has is its quality image, and it makes changes only when there is an overwhelming case for doing so.

Why, for instance, had Rolls resisted for so long the change to rack-and-pinion steering? "Because we wanted to get it right", Mr John Hol-

e Covington a real-life top 10 pop star, it is timely that

has Richard Briers at a wife-swopping party.—T.S.

ies (ITV 10.30) is given a repeat run—the story of three women

sh showing of a 1974 film starring Goldie Hawn as an extrovert allet dancer, Omnibus (BBC1 10.10) takes an amusing look at

r success in rock music. The Girl from Petrovka (BBC2 9.30) is the

h community in Los Angeles, and The Galton and Simpson Playhouse

we have not yet got them right", Mr Hollings says.

If there has been a theme running through the changes to the Shadow over the years it has been the gradual transformation of an "American" car into a "European" one. The United States is the principal overseas market for Rolls-Royce, taking about a quarter of all sales, and the Shadow was originally designed to suit America's straight wide roads.

Rack-and-pinion steering, which is generally reckoned to be more precise

generally reckoned to be more precise than the recirculating ball system pre-viously used on the Shadow, was de-liberately avoided as being inappro-printe to the car. Rolls-Royce drivers, it was argued, did not chuck their vehicles into corners as, say, a Mini owner would, and the steering should allow for that. Nor did it matter that the front suspension allowed considerable body roll, for the car would not be driven that hard. Now times and opinions have changed, and the Silver Shadow II has a distinctly tauter feel

about it.

The changes will probably give the car another five years or so before it gets a new bodyshell and, possibly, a different name. But again the styling need not be subject to the whims of fashion, and if the car looks a trifle old-fashioned then that is part of its appeal. We should not expect any dramatic departures into wedge shapes or hatchbacks. The overall size is likely to remain as well. In American terms the Shadow is a small car and not for nothing, they are saying in Crewe has Cadillac taken the same dimensions for its Seville.

Touring fuel consumption on the Shadow has gone up by a tenth and, driven carefully, it should now give at least 15 miles to the gallon. That is still well short of the target the American Government wants car manufacturers to meet by the 1980 model year, although Rolls is hoping that its low sales and good faith will

#### Porsche's British debut

Right-hand drive versions of the Porsche 924 coupé go on sale in Britain on March 10. First seen here at the London Motor Show in October. the 924 is a front-engined, rear-wheel drive car which uses several mechan-ical components, including the engine and gearbox, from Volkswagen Audi. and is manufactured under contract at

the Audi plant at Neckarsulm. The novelty is that the gearbox is mounted at the back to help weight distribution. The engine is the fourcylinder 2-litre unit, with fuel injec-tion, from the Audi 100, and is said to give excellent performance (0 to 60) mph in just over eight seconds and top speed of 120 mph) combined with respectable fuel consumption. There

is fully independent suspension. The 924 does not pretend to be more than a two-plus-two (that is, two adults in the front, two children in the back) but the rear seat can b folded flat and there is a lift-up rear window. Despite Porsche's claim to have held the price down, the car is still extremely expensive at £6,999 for the basic version and £7,673 for the fully equipped model.

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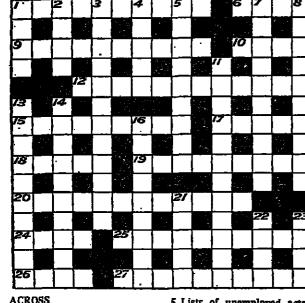
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1 Plenty get hammered (4). 2 Cross, in a way (4). 3 None can travel twenty-four degrees north of it (6, 6).
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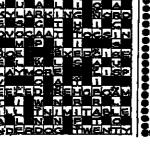
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